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Tories bid to scrap council's chauffeur

A CHAUFFEURED car to A CHAUFFEURED car to drive the chairman of Cannock Chase District Council to civic functions should be scrapped to save money, opposition Conser-vatives have said.

The council's proposed budget for the chairman's hospitality and transport over the coming year is nearly £11,000.

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It includes nearly £7,000
allocated for an executive
car service, which has
ferried chairman Councillor
Bob Todd around and will do
likewise for new chairman
Councillor Doris Grice over
the next 12 months.

The draft budget also covers transport to the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, alcohol for the chairman's guests and Christmas cards.

Luxuries

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Conservative Group
Leader Councillor Paul
Snape has criticised the document, which was sent to all
councillors for them to sign
off this week.
Councillor Snape said: "It
is simply unacceptable for
the council to plead poverty
and take more council tax,
whilst still paying out for
luxuries for senior council luxuries for senior council-

lors."
The council said it had cut many extravagances from the budget, which is now the lowest it has been for at least six years.

Pensioner in court charge

A PENSIONER has appeared in court charged with wounding with intent after a man suffered facial injuries at a Rugeley home.
Raymond Brown, aged 67, of Hagley Road, Rugeley, agave no indication of plea at Cannock Magistrates Court on Tuesday. The case will be heard at Stafford Crown Court on May 28.

Brown was granted condi-

Brown was granted conditional bail and told not to contact Graham Edgar, aged 51, who suffered knife injuries to his face and back.

O GUARANTEES N RAIL FUNDING

TRAIN operators Network Rail has admitted multi-million pound funding for improvements to the Chase railway line is no longer guaranteed.

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It comes after bosses deferred plans to speed up trains between Rugeley and Birmingham from 45-50mph to 70mph until at least 2017.

The decision means the £5.4 million the Government had originally earmarked for the project may no longer be available when the changes are ready to be made.

The Department for Transport originally allocated the sum from isspending period up to 2014, but now that the plans have been pushed back they will fall under a new bracket covering 2014-2019.

Network Rail spokesperson Ben Herbert said: "The funding doesn't automatically roll over but we haven't 100 per cent lost it. We can't give any definite answers."

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Diesel

He added the private company had begun looking again at sources of funding for the project, which could now come as late as 2019.

Network Rail took the decision to delay the scheme

decision to delay the scheme
– originally pencilled in for
spring next year – after
announcing plans to electrify the line's diesel trains
by 2017.

It means no improvements can be made to the
service until then.

Chase MP Aidan Burley
has arranged to meet Government rail minister Simon
Burns MP and a senior representative from Network
Rail to discuss the matter in
June.

Rail to discuss the matter in June.

The Conservative representative plans to ask Network Rail to reverse its decision and bring the scheme forward to 2015 at the latest.

Mr Burley said: "Expecting passengers

about their decision to delay the line speed upgrade."

The rail company says its new plans will maximise customer benefits by intro-ducing "clean, modern elec-tric trains and reduced journey times".

The project's total cost is £30 million.

be installed at stations and

be installed at stations and selepers, rails and platforms will be upgraded.

Jon Rhodes, a spokesman for the Government's Department for Transport, said: "The Government is determined to provide speedier and ever more reliable services on the Chase Line and has committed funding to electrify the route by 2019.

"We are working with

"We are working with Network Rail on proposals to complete the work earlier, by December 2017."

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Making light work of hospital vigil



Hundreds of people turned out to support Stafford Hospital with a 'night of lights', off the A34 near Brocton

Hundreds of people turned out to:

MORE than 1,000 people attended a night-time vigil in a bid to save acute services at Stafford Hospital.

A total of 600 lanterns were lit by Save Stafford Hospital campaigners at the Night of Light event on Saturday at Brocton, creating a visual demonstration of the action group's logo of a heart held by two hands on a nearby hill.

Lanterns marking the hands were held by members of the public while red lanterns, illustrating the heart, were held by staff.

It was the latest display of people power since Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Cannock and Stafford Hospitals, was placed in the control of special admin-

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They will publish plans for its future in June, but the shake-up could see acute services from the two sites taken over by neighbouring hospitals. The

event attracted hundreds of families and included entertainment from a

and included entertainment from a variety of bands, children's activities such as rock climbing and face-painting, and a stall selling merchandise in support of Save Stafford Hospital.

The Bishop of Stafford Reverend Geoff Annas addressed the crowd, saying he attended to support the people in what the church considers to be a 'very concerning matter'.

Thrilled

"We have a duty to continue to stand up for the 270,000 people who are served by Cannock and Stafford Hospi-tals.," Mr Annas said.

tais., MY Annas said.
One of the organisers and co-founder
of Save Stafford Hospital, Cheryl
Porter, said she was thrilled by the
number of people who turned up, while
Stafford mother-of-two and singer
Clare Palmer performed the group's

of lights', off the A34 near Brocton
protest song 50,000 People Can't Be
Wrong. Dr Hugo Mascie-Taylor and
Alan Bloom were appointed as special
administrators and will produce a
report to go out for public consultation
before being considered by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

Meanwhile, Chase MP Aidan Burley
has presented the administrators with
the first batch of his constituents'
pledges calling for services to be
retained at Cannock Hospital.

Hundreds have signed a statement
saying the Brunswick Road facility
should remain fully utilised.

Mr Burley said: "Rather than wait
for the consultation period to start it is
important that we are proactive and do

important that we are proactive and do all we can to influence their report. "That is why I want to make the administrators aware now of the

strength of feeling here in Cannock Chase."

Academy governors decide to close pool

A SWIMMING pool used by a number of clubs is to close in the summer.

in the summer.

Fair Oak Academy in
Rugeley has announced it
will shut its pool permanently in July, with bosses
putting the blame on energy
and maintenance costs.

It means a number of
clubs which use the pool, like
Super Sharkys Swim
School, will have to find another venue to hold classes.

Staff and governors at the
Penkridge Bank Road school
say they have been looking

say they have been looking at the long-term usage of the pool for some time.

Trustees

The academy is run by the Rugeley Academies group, whose principal David Powell said: "Over the past few months, the governing body and academy trustees of the Rugeley Academies have been looking at the long-term future of the school's swimming pool.

"The specific areas of concern were the condition and age of the facility the

and age of the facility, the difficulties in complying difficulties in complying with new legislation such as the Disability Discrimination Act, the extremely poor energy efficiency of the building and the large amount of funds required from the academies' annual budget to underwrite the swimming pool operations. With great regret, the decision has been made to close the pool.

Market boss remembered

MARKET traders in Cannock have unveiled a new wooden bench in memory of

wooden bench in memory of their former manager. Tony Duckmanton lost a battle with cancer in Jan-uary, aged 66. He had wor-ked at the Cannock indoor Market for eight years. Stallholder Margaret Lavender said the bench was a lovely way to mark the

a lovely way to mark the 'well-liked' manager's life.

Earlier this month. bench was also unveiled in his honour at Rugeley Market.

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Ex-company boss given year in jail

A FORMER company boss drove at a policewoman and rammed a patrol car after stealing a £10 pack of razor blades in Cannock, a court heard. Disqualified driver Gavin Wyatt, who had hab have a first lystly.

who had been banned after knock-ing down an elderly woman in a car park before fleeing, was pursued around the town centre at 55mph. Stafford crown court judge John Maxwell told Wyatt his luck had

The court heard Wyatt had just stolen the razor blades from Boots on February 9 and in an effort to stophim, Pc Emma Smith jumped in front of the defendant's Ford Puma. But Wyatt accelerated and made off from Church Street towards the form that the street of the properties of the Puma as it passed him.

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A5, prosecutor Mr Mark Rees said.
At one stage, Wyatt lost control and was blocked in by two police cars, but he smashed into one of them to force an exit. An officer used

chase, Wyatt was on bail for stealing a Canon camera from Boots in Burton and possession of cannabis. Wyatt was also handed a further two-year driving ban and ordered to take an extended driving test.

Mr Philip Bradley, defending, said Wyatt had run his own furniture removals business until becoming addicted to crack cocaine. When he was pursued by the police he got into was pursued by the police he got into 'a blind panic'.

Festival features show of artwork

A FREE day of entertainment is being held in Norton Canes as a follow-up to a Golden Jubilee festival.

Galdes as a fontw-lip to a Golden Jubilee festival.

The event, on July 13, will include a display of art created by schoolchildren from the village.

The artwork which will go on show has been selected by independent judges following a competition on the theme of festival.'

Members of Norton Canes Watercolour Club raised money for prizes and art suppliers Derwent and the Society for All Artists also donated prizes. In all, 15 entries from the village's primary and high schools were chosen.

Judges

Club chairman Sheila
Harding and fellow member
Maureen Garbett visited
each school to introduce
pupils to watercolour techniques. The judges were
freelance photographer
Alan Williamson, Cannock
Chase Council's art development officer Lisa Shepard
and Peter Sidgwick, chairman of Cannock Chase Arts
Council. Council.

The selected work has gone on show this week in

gone on show this week in the library at Norton Canes High School in Burntwood Road next week. From tomorrow (Friday) until June 28, the pictures go on display at Chasewate Innovation Centre before going on show at the festival.

Facelift at underpass

PEOPLE from Cannock can get involved with improve-ments to a run-down town

ments to a run-down town centre underpass.
Cannock Chase Council and Wigan Leisure Trust have launched the project to brighten up the Beecroft Road subway by having public art adorns its walls.
Businesses that are being

Businesses that are being encourage sponsor a panel at £250 per square metre in return for having their

return for having their firm's displayed.
To take part, go to www.cannockchasedc.go v.uk/changingplaces

New barber shop

A NEW barber shop has opened in Great Wyrley. Andy's Barbers, owned by Andrew Dunn, is in operat-ing from Moat Lane. The business was launched last Tuesday, May 14.

More district nurses will ease A&E burden, claim

HEALTH chiefs say more district nurses are needed in Staffordshire to ease pressure on stretched accident and emergency departments.

Almost 60 per cent of Stafford's primary care budget is being spent on emergency hospital care, a meeting was told.

Other areas, such as pre-

scribing rates, are also gen-erally higher than anywhere

eraily nigner than anywhere else, health chiefs revealed. It comes as administra-tors draw up plans for a pos-sible £70m downgrade of Stafford and Cannock Chase beguited.

Stafford and Cannock Chase hospitals.

The cost of emergency admissions in Stafford is £2.5m.

Lynn Millar, head of strategic change at the Clinical Commissioning Group, which has taken over from the local primary care trust, each of the cost primary care trust, each of the cost primary care trust.

the local primary care trust, said they were looking to bring down the bill.

She said this would be done by providing a network of care in the community to avoid GPs referring patients to acute hospital services so often. But bosses admitted they did not yet have the community services in place

community services in place to back up their plan.

Emergency

Mrs Millar said there was

Author to read from his book in

YOUNG bookworms can take part in reading and writing activities this half term.

Lower Drayton Farm near

Lower Drayton Farm near Penkridge will host a range of sessions for budding writers on May 27, 28 and 31. On Monday author Brian Hainsworth drops in to give readings of his latest book Boris the Lost Badger and sign copies bought by visitors. Illustrator Mair Perkins will also be on hand to draw portraits and original

portraits and original sketches inside the books.

sketches inside the books.
The farm's woodland walk
will be transformed into a literary trail and parents and
children will be able to work
together to follow clues and
find letters to make up an
anagram. anagram.

anagram.
Throughout the week youngsters aged five to 11 are invited to write their own 200 word story to enter into a creative writing competition and win a signed, framed print of an illustration from the book.
Mr Hainsworth said: "I'm really looking to giving Boris

Mrs Millar said there was 'an issue around capacity' in certain areas and they were looking at providing more district nurses to help with the problem. Clinical leader, Dr Patrick Hannigan, said the pressure was on acute hospital services but wondered whether people were generally aware of it.

Mrs Millar agreed. "I don't think the message is out there yet. And it's not about saving money – it's about improving the quality of care people receive," she said.

Support Stafford Hospital really looking to giving Boris his first outing

his first outing."

The farm will be open from 10am every day during the half term. Admission is \$4.50 for adults, £2.50 for children and free for grandparents.

For more information visit.

www.lowerdraytonfarm.c o.uk or call 07817 691352.

New salon is unique to town



Rachael Wallis, front and Gemma Novakovich at the opening of their new business

TWO hairdressers from Rugeley have snipped the ribbon at the opening of their own hair salon in neighbouring Brereton. Rachael Wallis and Gemma Novakovich, aged 25, have set up their business Unique Hair salon in a former bookmakers in Main Road, Brereton.

The pair, with help from their partners, invested £10,000 on the shop to get it ready for its first customers who walked through

the door on Tuesday. The fully kitted salon the door on Tuesday. The fully kitted salon has undergone a complete transformation. Rachael, 32, said the idea for the salon came about after a chat with their former employer, who knew about the empty unit and encouraged the couple to do it. They have between them 32 years of experience and Rachael said: "We were both really excited about the opening. It is brilliant to see it all completed."

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said.

Support Stafford Hospital campaigner Karen Howell said the meeting backed up the protesters' battle to keep acute services at the hospital.

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£30,000 is raised for Lupus

A CHARITY set up just over 18 months ago by a Cannock family has managed to raise

The Hibbs Lupus Trust is reparing to donate a reparing to donate a £20,000 machine to Can-nock Chase Hospital to help diagnose the little-known condition.

diagnose the little-known condition.

John Hibbs, aged 35, has been the driving force behind setting up The Hibbs Lupus Trust, after his sister Viki 29, was diagnosed with the condition in May 2008.

The family, including mum Carol and wife Kate, have been rejeive money.

mum Carol and wife Kate, have been raising money, and awareness of the condition, an incurable illness of the immune system. Mr Hibbs, an IT analyst of Bakers Way, Hednesford, said: "We are so proud of our achievement. We never have thought we would have got here all those years ago. It was around this time five years ago she was told she years ago she was told she had Lupus."

The charity is currently

waiting to purchase the machine.

macnine.

The charity also has more than 9,000 Twitter followers, including Stephen Fry who has helped boost the awareness of the condition.

For more, visit

For more, visi www.hibbslupustrust.or g or call 07872 341 008.

Pub stages glam event

PSYCHIC readings and beauty treatments will be on offer at a family event in Cannock next week. More than 15 stalls will also be selling event hing

also be selling everything from cupcakes to jewellery at the Bank Holiday Monday Bonanza, which is being held at the The Pied Piper pub, on Pye Green Road,

pub, on Pye Green Road, from 2pm.
Pool, drinks and sports television will also be avail-able and children will be able to play in the beer garden.
The day has been organ-ised by GlamGirls events.

For more information call 07446077289.

Art is on show

AN exhibition of African inspired artwork by stu-dents in Cannock is on display at Brownhills Library until the end of May The exhibition by pupils of Norton Canes High School consists of African inspired paintings, pictures, drawings, photographs, batik work, embroidery masks,

cushions and bags

Ten fundraisers to mark decade in business

to walk given fine of just £90



Guiding friends to make a splash

GIRL guides from Great Wyrley will be making a splash this weekend. The five youngsters from the 4th Great Wyrley Guide Unit will be raising money to

Unit will be raising money to help pay for three of their group leaders to go on a charity trek in Nepal Cara Riley, Katie Bourne and Emily Westwood, all aged 11, and 10-year-olds Robyn Haslam and Ellie Green hope to swim more than 10 miles between them at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre on Sunday.

To help to wards their Driver who left victim unable

Centre on Sunday.

To help towards their £9,000 target, Joanne Taff, a parent from the group, will run the 10km Bupa Great Manchester Run.

The three leaders hoping to complete the trek are Karen Andrew, Lucy Haytree and Lisa Treagust.

Keep youngsters busy at museum

A HOST of holiday work-shops at the Museum of Cannock Chase have been

Cannock Chase have been organised to keep young-sters busy this half-term. Circus themed crafts will be on offer from 11am on Tuesday (May 28) until Thursday (May 30).

Two drop-in workshops have been organised at the Valley Road, Hednesford, enue, where seven-to-11-year-olds can make clowns and hats and another workshop has been organised which requires booking.

ised which requires booking.

Pre-booked workshops cost £3 per child and dropin sessions cost £1.50.

Family fun takes place in the park

A FAMILY fun day will be held in Hednesford Park on Saturday (May 25). Arts crafts and live music

will be on offer from 11am and keen footballers will be

and keen footballers will be able to train with Hednesford Town FC and take part in a Street Stadia event run by the fire service.
For more information visit www.friendsofhed mesfordpark.btck.co.uk
Friends of Hednesford Park chairman Lynn
Evans, said: "There will be a disco and greenwood crafts as well as face painting and a range of games."

Food and gift fair

QUALITY produce and home-made gifts are on offer in Gailey this weekend. The fabulous food and gift fair follows a successful event last year and takes place from 10am to 4.30pm on both Saturday and Sunday (May 22 and 23) at Gailey Fruit Farm. Admission is free.

Hoping for roaring trade at 40s shop



Trevor and Betty Sharples in their new shop their vintage shop 40s Room in Market Street, Hednesford

A VINTAGE 1940s shop selling everything from gramophones to feathered hats has opened in Hednesford.

hats has opened in Hednesford.

The 40s Room on Market Street was set up by owners Betty and Trevor Sharples who have a passion for clothing and kitchenware from that era.

The couple previously ran the store in Bridgtown but moved to Hednesford

they believe it is the place to

e. Mrs Sharples said: "We have always

and thought there was no better time like the present because of the regeneration of the town.

"Our shop is very unique and sells everything you would need to create a 1940s house setting.

Cosmetics

"More and more people are becoming fans of vintage and so we hope a lot of people will come and visit us for some one of a kind pieces."

Among its wares the shop sells hand-

bags, jewellery, shoes, cosmetics, cle ing products, toys, records and Bake

Mrs Sharples added: "If somebody came in the shop and wanted to achieve a forties look we could definitely help them out.

'Alternatively if a person wanted to "Alternatively if a person wanted to deck their home out with complete vintage decor that is something we could assist with. We don't sell furniture but you can bet we have everything else."



left a nurse so badly injured she will never walk again has been handed just a £90 fine.

Strayed Chambers' car strayed on to the wrong side of the road as she turned the corner and hit Mrs Moseley's oncoming Renault Clio.

were restricted by the charge. Road safety charity Brake called for a change in the law, saying Chambers should have been charged with dangerous driving. The collision happened in Lichfield Road, Pelsall, at the junction of Higheroft, at 12.45am on New Year's Day.

Mrs Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said 40-year-old Chambers, of Harpur Road, Walsall, was also badly hurt and, as a result, doctors were and, as a result, doctor's were unable to obtain blood or urine samples for an alcohol test. She still wears a braca and is unable to work, the court heard. She could not explain what had happened but was 'extremely remorseful', her lawyer said.

Chambers was fined £90 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

and a £20 victim surcharge. She was banned from She was banned driving for 12 months.

Mrs Moseley's civil partner Susan Dunning, aged 57, described the civil



een very supportive.
"She had lots of interests, "She had lots of interests, cooking, going to the cinema and theatre, and she loved her holidays. She also loved her job, visiting senior schools in Burntwood and Lichfield talking to children and adolescents with mental health problems."

It is hoped Mrs Moseley will be discharged in June but she will not be able to return home immediately as adaptations have to be made

adaptations have to be made to their bungalow.

o their bungalow. Mrs Dunning said: "Every oorway will have to be Mrs Dunning sauc: Every doorway will have to be widened, ramps have to be put in and she hasn't even got a wheelchair yet."



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OF PETER

THIS blog is coming to you, Wifi permitting, from the island of Inchmurrin on Loch Lomond. As every ne isianu of inchmurrin on Loch Lomond. As every traveller knows, Scotland can be gloriously sunny in May. This is not one of those Mays. I am reminded of the traditional Scotlish greeting to holidaymakers: "Och, but ye've just missed a beautiful fortnight."

night."

THERE are three of us boating around the isles; myself, my younger brother and my old mate Lennox. We are not as young as once we were and we did the sum of all the medications we are taking to ward off the ailments of middle age. This is Three Men and Eighty-Four Tablets on a Boat. Some vessels announce their arrival with horns or whistles. Ours rattles.

ON OUR Highland island, the storm struck at precisely 4.28am, whamming into the side of our

ON OUR Highland island, the storm struck at precisely 4.28am, whamming into the side of our cottage like a giant boot and striking dumb a flock of cackling oystercatchers on the beach. The little black-and-white birds had been joyously celebrating the dawn and then thought better of it and dashed for cover. By breakfast, Loch Lomond was a frenzy of wild water, white horses erupting from shore to shore with vicious little squalls corkscrewing through the tiny harbour. Not the ideal sailing day.

□ □ □ □ IWAS reminded of the unkind old ioke. What's that special word the Scots use to describe the conditions when it's perishing cold, the rain is lashing down and the wind blows you off your feet? Summer.

when its persining cold, the rain is lashing down and the wind blows you off your feet? Summer.

NO surprises about Olivia Colman winning two awards at the Baftas. I bet she'll be back in 2014 for her excellent performance in this year's murder mystery, Broadchurch. And here's another prediction. Watch out in 2014 for a best-supporting award for that old trouper Anton Lesser as the senior police officer in Endeavour. He doesn't just play the part; he becomes it, bringing all sorts of twitching prejudices and paranoia to it. What a pro.

DID you see the cops battering down the door of drug dealers in Liverpool this week as they broke up a multimillion pound drugs ring? It took forever. There was a time when the average front door parted company with its hinges after a couple of hefty whacks from the police battering ram. These days, steel-framed doors with five locking points, usually installed as part of a double-glazing package, can takes ages to smash open. Energy efficiency – the criminal's friend.

Energy efficiency – the criminal's friend.

BVERY day seems to bring another Tory standing up to declare that, if a referendum were held tomorrow, he would vote to leave to leave the EU. So you might get the impression that withdrawal is imminent. Dream on. All David Cameron is offering is a referendum four years from now, assuming he is reelected, which is a fairly bold assumption. Meanwhile, the real action is taking place in the eurozone, while, the real action is taking place in the eurozone, now on track to become virtually a single nation, because the only way to make the euro work is to have one central bank and one budget. This brave talk of pulling out is just smoke and mirrors. Britain is threatening to jump off a train bound for Brussels when the train has already been diverted to Berlin.

A READER tells me he got a bargain at an auction. He snapped up a Victorian stuffed dog for just £20, probably because the tail was missing from this much-loved pet of the 1890s. He asked the auctioneer: "If this dog were in pristine condition, what would it have fetched?" And the auctioneer replied: "Sticks."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Police could adopt 'Twitter tactics'

The plans have been unveiled by Staffordshire's crime commissioner Matthew Ellis. He also revealed he had ordered a

review into the use of police

the non-emergency 101 number would be scrutinised while a number of new posts could be rolled out across the force next year.

APPEALS for witnesses to crimes to come forward could be issued by police officers on Twitter within minutes of being reported.

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Utilised

The news comes after 14 new police officer recruits started train-

'the eyes and ears of a million-plus people utilised to turn the table on wrong-doers'.

This could see officers actively posting incidents online and asking for witnesses immediately after a crime has been committed.

"I want Staffordshire to be at the forefront of developing it for the UK market," he said.

Five flee kitchen fire after dog alert

A FAMILY of five fled a burning house in the early hours after their pet dog's barking alerted them to the blaze.

A microwave had burst into fleron cotting the

into flames, setting the kitchen alight at around 12.30am on Friday at their home in Orchid Close, Hunt-

home in Orchid Close, Huntington.

Firefighters from Cannock attended the scene where they found neighbours had extinguished part of the fire which was contained to the kitchen of the three-storey property.

Damage

Neither the adult couple or the three children were injured. The kitchen suf-fered fire and smoke damage.

damage.
Cannock watch commander Ian Moss said: "Two pumps were sent to the home and when we arrived we found neighbours had done a good job at extinguishing some of the fire. "The were alerted to the fire by their pets and were uninjured."

Cyclist hurt

A CYCLIST was injured

A CYCLIST was injured after his bike was involved in a collision with a car close to Chase Leisure Centre. The man suffered facial injuries during the accident in Stafford Road, Cannock, at around 8.30am last Friday and was taken to hospital.

pital. An ambulance and rapid the scene

The smash caused prob-lems for drivers heading into Cannock causing long rush-

hour queues.

The car driver was uninjured.

Leisure centre half-term fun

ZOOM sports and Zumbatomics are among the activities on offer at Penkridge Leisure Centre during the half-term break.

half-term break.
Football, cricket, assault course and archery are also on offer for children aged five and upwards at the Cannock Road venue from Tuesday to Friday, May 28 to 31 from 10am to 3pm.
For a full programme, visit www.sstaffs.
gov.uk/sussed

Thrill-seeker's miracle escape in 1,000ft drop

BURNTWOOD thrill-seeker escaped with just minor cuts and bruises after his parachute failed to work as he hurtled through the

to work as ne nurueu unough ac air from 1,000 feet.

Base jumper Matthew Gough has gone through the routine time after time, com-pleting around 900 base jumps and sky dives

through the routine time after time, completing around 900 base jumps and sky dives across the world.

But when the adrenaline junkie took the plunge for his latest stunt in Italy, he had no idea of the drama that was about to unfold as his parachute failed to work.

As Matthew plummeted towards the ground he feared for the worst as the parachute became twisted.

The 25 year-old miraculously escaped relatively unscathed and despite the dramatic descent he was only in hospital for around seven hours for tests and swiftly discharged.

Matthew said: "I prepared for the jump, everything felt really good. Then I performed a 'track', which means you are flying in a forwards direction." "Everything was going fine and then I pulled the parachute. The deployment was really slow, the parachute twisted and when it inflated it was facing backwards.

Impact

Impact

"Due to the twists I couldn't control it, I did the best I could with the situation and tried to avoid the cliff but I didn't have the time or the space to avoid the impact.

"When I impacted the first time I started spinning, the parachute twisted even more before going into a dive and then spiralled towards the ground while I was smashing before going into a dive and then spiralled towards the ground while I was smashing against the cliff. All I could think about was trying to stay alive.

"I managed to hang off one side of the canape and get away from the cliff but could-n't control it still, I didn't throw if I was going to hit the floor or go into the lake.

"I thought both of my legs were broken so I knew I couldn't go into the lake, plus, I can't swim which made things even worse."

Matthew, of Chorley, added: "I was trying everything I could to get some kind of control, then I looked down and saw around 10 spikes which I believe were used to hang

control, then I looked down and saw around 10 spikes which I believe were used to hang up wet suits.

"The spikes were around a foot long and the one right in the middle brushed my face and went between my helmet and my face and ripped my helmet off, I think it cushioned my fall slightly."

"When I hit the floor I was os shocked I was alive. I am still going to base jump but it has made me more aware of the risks."





The jump filmed from Matthew's helmet camera



Matthew's all smiles after his miraculous escape





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party in the park event

DONKEY rides, races and a tug-of-war will take place in Penkridge at a family fun

day next week.

Money raised from the event at the Monckton Recreation Centre, in event at the Monckton Recreation Centre, in Pinfold Lane will be ploughed back into the centre. The Party in the Park will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, May 27, from 1pm to 10nm

to 10pm.

The centre is home to many of Penkridge's sports teams. It has football and

teams. It has football and rugby pitches, tennis courts and a clubhouse that hosts a range of fitness classes and a licensed bar. Val James, committee member, said: "We're really lucky in Penkridge to have a facility like the Monckton Centre that was donated for the use of the community. the use of the community.

"However its upkeep doesn't come cheap so we're always looking for ways to raise funds."

raise funds."
Activities will also include
a beat the goalkeeper, crossbar challenge, face painting,
a bouncy castle and a giant
slide. There will be a model
aircraft display, a mini food
fair, barbecue and refreshfair, barbecue and refresh-ments. A DJ and live bands will be performing at the

Big turnout is expected

THE Main sponsors of the Staffordshire County Show say they are preparing for a record turnout this year. This year's event runs next Wednesday and Thursday, May 29 and 30 at the County Showground.

It will give children the

It will give children the chance to get up close to a range of animals including lambs, calves, pygmy goats, rabbits and guinea pigs.

South Staffordshim

rabbits and guinea pigs.
South Staffordshire
College is the main sponsor
and will have a stand giving
visitors the chance to try
activities like floristry and
crofts

crafts.
College ambassador and
TV weather girl Emma
Jesson is likely to pass by.

Charity concert

A CHARITY concert will be held in Penkridge tomorrow evening to raise money for charity. The Stone Handbell Ringers will perform at Peace Memorial Hall on Pinfold Lane from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7 and are available by calling 01785 715388. Money raised will go towards Save the Children.

Community venue hosts Leader hails funding to keep Hoard items together THE county council's leader says news that Philip Atkins said: "Nows that the town the Hoard bear along at line facility."

Trekking centre expansion



THE CANNOCK Chase Trekking Centre will

be expanded as record visitor numbers flock

New accommodation to ensure two equine staff are available on the site for 24 hours a day seven times a week will be installed following approval from councillors.

Signing with

is launched

TWO Burntwood mothers have launched a series of sign language sessions with

a difference.

Yvonne Stanley, aged 41
and Jeannie Hoddinott, 36,

and Jeannie Hoddinott, 30, have set up Signtime classes at venues across the region for parents and babies.

The sessions are designed to teach parents how to communicate with their children by using simple signs,

dren by using simple signs, songs, rhymes and stories and are suitable for small babies and young children.

Mrs Stanley said: "The children learn in a happy, fun, sociable environment with refreshments and chat time afterwards for parents. "Many tell us that Signtime is the highlight of their week. One full-time dad makes a four-mile round trip

makes a four-mile round trip by foot every week in all

weathers just to attend with

weathers just to attend with his children."

Mrs Hoddinott worked in communications for 12 years before joining Sign-time and said she couldn't be happier with her career change.

She said: "I couldn't imagine a more satisfying

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For more information bout the sessions visit

www.signtime.co.uk or call 07929 449589.

I from councillors.

The application was agreed by members of the South Staffordshire District Council planning committee on Tuesday night and will fit in with a wide scale expansion of the site.

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Earlier this year proposals for a new visitor centre along with new stables were approved.

The site currently has a mix of six full and part time staff. The scheme for the site, based off the main A34, will also create two new jobs.

The application was put forward after owners had received a record 17,000 visitors within 12 months.

Support

Planning committee vice-

finds last November in the same field in Hammerwich where the original collection of Anglo Saxon treasure was discovered.

of Angio oaxon treasure was discovered. The new pieces include a helmet cheek guard, cross and eagle-shaped mounts. The campaign to purchase the pieces reached its £57,395 target in just a week, thanks to court jewellers Wartski who donated the full amount.

Staffordshire County Council leader

THE county council's leader says news that new Staffordshire Hoard artefacts have been secured for the region is 'a fantastic Archaeologists unearthed the 81 new finds last November in the same field in Hammerwich where the original collection is the same field in the same field in

jointly owned by Birmingham City Council and Stoke-on-Trent City Councils – will be

and Stoke-on-Trent City Councils – will be kept together. Donations made by the public will go towards covering the costs of conser-vation, research and display. The Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery has secured more than £700,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the display project. Meanwhile, items from

the Hoard have gone on display at Lichfield Cathedral's Chapter House. Thanks to funding from the Arts Council England, new interactive exhibits, replicas, information panels and a craft table are also

As part of the Staffordshire Hoard Mercian Trail, the cathedral has benefited mercial Frai, the cathletera has benefited from a share of a recent £50,000 grant from the Arts Council England. It aims make it even easier for more people to find out about the fascinating Hoard story. The display at Lichfield Cathedral is open daily from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Satur-day and from noon to 3pm on Sundays.

in brief

Twin florists' win made in Chelsea

TWIN sisters who work at a florist's in Penkridge have picked up top awards at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Show. Jessica and Victoria Richards, who set up Vic-toria Richards Floral Design together, both picked up gold in the Young Florist of the Year

Young Florist of the Year category.

For Victoria it was her second gold and it was Jessica's first. The pair work at Lavender Florist.

Victoria said: "I still can't believe we got gold. We are over the moon."

Burlesque night in aid of charity

BURLESQUE dancing BURLESQUE dancing will help raise money for charity at an event in Burntwood tomorrow night (Friday). It is being held at Number 7's Nightchub in Bridge Cross Road from 8.30pm.

The evening is being hosted by Abi Golightly and features traditional burlesque dancing and also comedy.

Money raised on the evening will go to the Burntwood Breast Care support group. Tickets are support group. Tickets are

support group. Tickets are £10 on 07813 365464.

Tarot readings offered at church

SPIRITUAL readings are being offered at a church in Heath Hayes this week-

They are available from They are available from 110am to noon and from 14pm at Heath Hayes Spiritualist Church, The
Cabin, Hednesford Road
on Saturday (May 25).
Cost is £12 for a 30into a pacto one target

minute one-to-one tarot and angel card reading. Call Joyce Attwood on 01543 579755 to book.

Victorian diets is topic of address

DR Chris Upton is the guest speaker at the next meeting of Cheslyn Hay & District Local History

District Local History Society.
The talk, entitled Mar-garine and Mock Turtle – Victorians and their Diets, takes place on Thursday, May 30 at the Salem in High Street, from 7.30pm. Admission is £1 includ-ing refreshments.

Pub's quiz night

A GALLON of beer is up for grabs in a quiz night at a Cannock pub. It takes place on a Wednesday night from 8 at the Pied Piper in Old Fallow Road.

approved as numbers grow Toby treads boards with Jason Donovan



TrEAD members rehearsing with Toby Gretton, aged nine, who is appearing on stage with Jason Donovan ing alongside a big star like the 90s singer and former Neighbours actor. Priscilla Queen of The Desert has just finished a long stint at the Palace Theatre, in Shaftesbury Avenue, London

Planning committee vice-chairman Councillor Matthew Ewart said: "It does attract tourism busi-ness. It is an enterprise and there is always an inclina-tion to support and increase viability."

The centre has been oper-ating for 17 years, of which 11 have been in the current 40-acre location.

There are currently 44 A SCHOOLBOY from Burntwood has There are currently 44 horses at the stables. The

centre is used by schools and colleges for organised trips as well as offering students work experience.

Committee members agreed with officers' recommendations.

The report said: "The proposal is for an extension to the existing rural business and an improvement to the tourist/educational attraction in the district, which enhances the viability of this rural enterprise. centre is used by schools and

A SCHOOLBOY from Burntwood has landed a role in the national tour of a top West End show.

Toby Gretton will join singers Jason Donovan and Hearsay's Noel Sullivan on stage as he takes a leading role in Priscilla Queen of the Desert.

The nine-year-old, of Burntwood, will appear in the colourful musical when it arrives at the Regent Theatre, in Stoke-on-Trent, from June 10 to 15. And it is not the first time young Toby has tasted the limelight after

Toby has tasted the limelight after appearing in the King and I at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre last year.

attends Cannock-based theatre group TrEAD, run by actor Graham Tudor. Mr Tudor, who is orig-inally from Cannock, said everyone in

inally from Cannock, said everyone in the group was very proud of Toby. "He's very talented," he said. "We're all so proud of him. TrEAD was set up by myself for local young-sters in the Cannock area so it is great to see him get a part like this.

Opened

"Since we have opened we've had several students who have done professional shows like Toby."

Mr Tudor said Toby was also looking forward to working with and appear-

It is now setting off across the country to introduce audiences to its colourful costumes and hits including I Will Survive.

TrEAD meets at Littleton Green Community School, in Colliers Way, Huntington, every Tuesday from around 4pm to 8pm.

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IN MY VIEW

THE most interesting thing to come out of the Chris Huhne case

come out of the Chris Hühne čase was the nature of the institution in which he was held.
According to one of the television news reporters, it is up to prisoners whether they want to lock the doors at Leyhill Prison in Gloucestershire at night. Presumably this is to keep the riff-raff out. After all, you wouldn't want any wrong 'uns spoiling the party, would you?

wrong 'uns spoiling the party, would you?

The newsman also said the prison was very proud of its workshop, which knocked out an excellent line in window frames.

So this is a prison where the inmates are free to come and go as they please, and where they spend their days making window.

spend their days making window

And suddenly it struck me And suddenly it struck me. There are plenty of institutions like this all over the West Midlands, only the inmates are in the main, honest law-abiding people who would never dream of perverting the course of justice, or scarring the countryside with wind tur-bines or anything like that.

Only round here, we call them

IN WHAT must surely be one of the most imaginative claims under the Human Rights Act yet, Iraqi drug dealer Hesham Mohammed Ali, claimed he should be allowed to remain in the UK because he had tattoos.

UK because he had tattoos.
Ali, who arrived via a peoplesmuggling racket 13 years ago,
had his application for asylum
turned down and was handed a
four-year sentence for dealing
class A drugs, had a haff-naked
woman tattooed on his chest. As
you do.
"In Iraq, people with tattoos get
stoned," he told the court.
Trust me, they do in Wolverhampton as well.

hampton as well

with your bank

And given that everybody in the post office heard your name, address, postcode, date of birth and your mother's maiden name,

and your mother's maiden name, it might not be a bad idea to update your security settings.

HERE'S a business idea you never see on The Apprentice.

Self-styled 'bacontrepreneurs'
Justin and Dave have recently launched their new line in bacon

scented sun cream.
"Science has shown us that 10 out of 10 people prefer the smell of bacon to coconut, which makes this the most anticipated new product of the summer," says a press release for J&D's Bacon Sunscreen.

What a load of codswallop.

Who'd want to smell like fried bacon? Now pork scratchings and you might be on to something...







Folk for the future is what drives John

Folk clubs and small venues feel under threat. DANNY FARRAGHER spoke to the musician leading the fightback

THEY say an avalanche can start from just a single noise and while it may not be quite that dramatic, a rumble was started on Face-book by musician John Richards almost two years ago which turned into a national movement.

turned into a national movement.
As part of this movement people from all over the Midlands gathered in Wolverhampton determined to find solutions that are crucial to their survival.

John, aged 62, originally from Coseley and now living in Worfield, Bridgnorth, has been on the folk circuit for more than 40 years and is passionate about the tradition and even more so about the local clubs where new acts cut their teeth and which he feels are being ignored both by the folk circuit generally and the national and local media specifically. circuit generally media specifically.

Musicians

Folk21 saw its first West Midlands Regional Conference descend on the Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Whitmore Reans where promoters, club organisers, musicians and folk fans came

The all-day conference was split into two

The all-day conference was split into two parts with the delegates and visitors having their say in two seminar-style gatherings and then the evening putting on a show case for new acts from around the country. So where does the problem lie? "The basis of Folk21 was that I was getting more and more depressed over a period of time as to the way the folk clubs were getting treated as compared to the festivals, the folk awards, the bigger concerts, radio and TV and I thought we were given very much the wrong end of the stick and that something needed to be done about it," that something needed to be done about it,'

explained John.
"I blogged this and a lot of like-minded



Musician John Richards who is leading the fight for survival for local folk clubs

people came forward and we decided something needed to be done, but what could we do?

could we do?

"What we decided was to become a catalyst for co-operation. The whole basis of the regional days was just that, so that we can co-operate and see how we can start to solve the problems that the clubs and venues are facing."

Since Folk21 was started it has organised regional days all over the country in

ised regional days all over the country; in Yorkshire, East Midlands, East Anglia, London and there is soon to be a Devon and South West meeting.

The perception of local folk clubs is very

much at the forefront of what John and many others see as a major part of the problem.

John believes the local folk club scene

John believes the local folk club scene has been dropped by the media because it is seen as a minority interest.

"The publicity which was so important to us has gone, so we are being battered on a local level," says John. "Even worse is that on a national level we are just criticised and laughed at Europeannel BBC? cised and laughed at. For example, BBC2 Folk Awards dropped the Best Folk Club of the Year, they don't talk about us any more. We have been referred to as the old 'beards and sandals' brigade which has

nothing to do with modern folk. Now that is stopping younger people from getting involved in what we do, and my passion for involved in what we do, and my passion for this after playing and running folk clubs for 40 years is I want there to be continuity so the 'missing' 30-somethings and younger have a 'database' of folk clubs which they can carry forward for the future, because the way things are going they won't have, and that would be a tragic waste."

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People came from many parts of the Midlands, South Staffordshire, Notting-ham, Leicester, Bromsgrove, Willenhall and Wolverhampton to name but a few, and all seemed to have a common aim of making folk clubs the best experience they can be. Common concerns which emerged were the average age of the people at folk venues and the lack of publicity and communication between organisers up and down the country.

Problems

But John has no illusions about the

But John has no illusions about the enormity of the task.

enormity of the task.

"The main aim of the day was to get
West Midlands folk club organisers
together for the first time and to get them
to share their problems.

"We also wanted to explore how the
clubs and small venues could use publicity,
PR, websites and social networking more
successfully. I think we have raised a lot of
issues which people are thinking and
talking about and I think they will continue to talk about.
"I hope now through social networking
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tinue to talk about.

"I hope now through social networking there will be a lot of ideas posted, a sharing of ideas. Then getting everyone to start thinking about how we reach the 'nonfolk' audience.

"That is absolutely key, it's what we do about raising the profile of the clubs and letting people know they can see brilliant musicians in intimate surroundings.

"My message to every folk club is to explore every possibility you can to be a professional as you can, in your publicity

professional as you can, in your publicity and marketing and make sure when you get the people into your folk club that you give them the best experience possible."

For information visit www.folk21.net

THROUGH THE YEARS

A WOLVERHAMPTON councilor made history when he attended the 50th anniversary of the opening of a library. Councillor Ted Lane was also present at the official opening of the Heath Town Library in 1933.

SOCIAL Democrat David Owen was forced to abandon a pre-election walkabout after being banned from Wolverhampton's Mander Centre. A spokesman for Mander Proper-ties said the centre was determined to remain non-political.

A WALSALL man who saved A WALSALL man who saved the life of a woman drowning in a canal admitted he knew nothing about lifesaving. Robert Dyhouse said: "I just muddled through," after rescuing Gladys Lewis from the canal and performing makeshift artificial respiration."

1993...

ORGANISERS of Dudley's Beer Festival had a race against time to get 150 barrels of ale set up for the start of the three-day event. Volunteers worked into the early hours after a last-minute hitch delayed delivery of scaffold-ing for storing the casks.

WOLVERHAMPTON'S top stores quit the town's Chamber of Commerce and set up their own pressure group. Marks & Spencer, Beatties, Boots, BhS and C&A were among the big names to walk out in protest at soaring membership charges.

A BANANA war broke out in Wolverhampton after Gateway's supermarket cut the cost of the fruit by half. Market traders said they could not compete with the store's price of 25p a lb, which was less than the wholesale cost

2003...

WOLVES sealed their promo-tion to the Premiership with an emphatic victory over Sheffield United in the play-off final in Cardiff. Goals from Mark Kennedy, Nathan Blake and Kenny Miller secured the 3-0

HUNDREDS of young fans queued up for hours to meet chart-toppers Girls Aloud at Dudley's Merry Hill Centre. The band stopped off at the centre's new HMV store to sign copies of their album Sounds of the Underground.

A Midlands town hall was alive with the Sound of Music as 300 film enthusiasts attended the first ever Stourbridge Film Festi-Visitors from across the val. Visitors from across the Black Country came dressed as nuns, Germans and members of the von Trapp family for the opening event entitled Sing-along-a-Sound-of-Music.

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Major event pulled over park's uncertain future



A MAJOR classic car show that attracts thousands of people every year is being scrapped because of uncertainty over its venue's future.

tainty over its venue's future.
Organisers of The Chasewater
Transport Show, which draws crowds
of up to 10,000 to the beauty spot, are
calling time after five years.
It follows uncertainty over the
future management of Chasewater
Country Park where the show is held
every April. Staffordshire County
Council is to take over the running of
the car park from Lichfield District.

Vintage car enthusiast Helen Borton, 28, of Cannock, has run the show since 2009. She said its success had also meant it had started to outgrow the reservoir site.

Success

"I am nothing short but devastated to be stopping the show," she said. "I have spent five years of my life and effort into making the event a success and I am proud of what I have achieved.

"We have got to the point where we are reaching capacity and with the change of management next year

there is a level of uncertainly that I did

ont want to deal with."

Mrs Borton said she now planned to run similar events all over the West Midlands, including Cannock, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

Mark Winnington, cabinet member for economy and infrastructure, said: "The county council formally takes over management responsibilities at Chasewater Country Park in April

"We know the transport show is a popular event, and while we have had no contact from the event organiser, we will be happy to speak to them.



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The real issue is future of

hospital
THANK you for the headline regarding the public
meeting with the TSA on
May 9. I have attended all

May 9. T have attended all three of these meetings, and was pleased that this one was focussed more on the plight of Cannock Hospital. It is a shame your article did not go into more detail about the concerns and questions raised as I think the residents of Cannock do not realise how close they

the residents of Cannock do not realise how close they are to losing this hospital.

Cannock is a Centre of Excellence for hip and knee surgery, with patients from outside the area coming in for surgery. This brings in income, and could be built upon to secure its future.

It is also a shame the article featured the negative

It is also a shame the article featured the negative political squabbling. Perhaps you could have ignored them trying to score political points, and concentrated on the real issue of the future of our hospital.

LESLEY HARRISON Cannock

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I DUN'T know what our local MP is doing welcoming the myth that prisoners are going to work hard and that privileges will be hard-earned under so-called new reforms. This system that the justice minister is calling new is already working in our jails but with all the restrictions in place under human rights it cannot be effective.

under numan rights it cannot be effective.

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ers' rights away in case they upset some people and not get their votes. They need to get a backbone and listen to the people who have to look after these people 24 hours a day. R PEATY

then further along, the men's shop was just had to stop.

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Remember Salmons delicatessen, Burtons.

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Burtons.

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LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

There are too many chiefs

THERE are too many chiefs and not enough Indians at both Stafford and Cannock hospitals. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Ethel Powell and her League of Friends we eventually had Cannock Hospital built. I would not like to see it close down after all their efforts over the years.

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Electorate has shown discontent over cuts

WHILE Cannock and Stafford Hospitals remain in administration with funding cuts of \$47million, North Staffordshire and Warwickshire Hospitals face a combined £100m funding cut over three years. Libraries have also been hit with funding cuts of £2million per year.

The electorate has shown its discontent by voting for UKIP But at least they still know that the amount of finance needed to get our hospitals and libraries working at an active capacity for the needs of its people amounts to just three days' money we give as a country to the European Union.

HELEN
Hednesford

No care commission visit

RE: the article headed 'Hospital meeting standards on care' (Chronicle, May 9). My husband was in Littleton Ward for rehabilitation from March 12 until April 9. At no time did anyone visit him from the Care Quality Commission.

He deteriorated during that month and was transferred to Walsall Manor Hospital on April 9.

During his time in Cannock I visited every day, most days taking food. I wish I had had the opportunity to meet someone from the C.Q.C.

MARGARET ROUGH Quinton Avenue Great Wyrley

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Chase face changing as trees hit by disease

rolling skyline of Cannock Chase forest could be wiped out by a deadly infection sweeping the British Isles.

The Chase's stock of towering Corsican pine, which cover 10million square metres of the sprawling woodland, is under attack from the airborne disease

Under attack from the abroome disease Dothistroma, known as red band needle blight.

The bug has a devastating effect, starving the trees to death by stripping them of their needles which prevents photosynthesis.

Imports

Tens of thousands of larch could also fall victim to killer fungus Phytophthora Ramorum, which has just been found in North Staffordshire.

The pests are being blamed on an increase in imports from around the world and on climate change.

The Forestry Commission is planning one of the biggest and most drastic replanting exercises in its 94-year history to combat the onslaught.

The face of Cannock Chase will dra-

matically change over the next 50 to 100 years, with the Corsican pine, and inevitably the larch, disappearing from the horizon.

The huge project will see species such as California redwoods, Douglas Fir and Eucalyptus trees planted as the existing crop continues to be harvested as normal.
Planner Alastair Semple is drawing

up the next 50 year plan for Cannock Chase. He said: "In terms of species the



Doug Stanley with Corsican pines that have red band needle diseas

Chase will look completely different as

"The diseases that are affecting this country mean we have to turn to new species that are more resilient.

"Corsican pine covers 50 per cent of the Chase and that will eventually go.

the Chase and that will eventually go.
What we will do is diversify a lot more
and have a lot more species."
Doug Stanley, Chase forest work
supervisor, said timber production
levels could also be hit. "We are expect-

are not sure how the new species will

grow," he said.

And the arrival of a central European moth in southern England is not only presenting a threat to the nation's

omy presenting a tireat to the flation's might oak trees, but human health. Tiny spines from the moth's caterillars can cause severe allergic reaction in some people, bringing them out in rashes and affecting breathing. The Forestry Commission is now asking for the public to monitor trees.

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The cover of the original programme for the fair

Steam fair may lose traction at park site

THE first weekend in June will probably see the Wolverhampton Steam and Vintage Fair held for the last time in city's West Park. Budget cuts at Wolverhampton City Council will mean that if it is to

City Council will mean that if it is to continue for the 20th time next year, a new site will be needed.

When it began, in 1995, it was organised by the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton at Lower Pendeford Farm Coven, under the chairmanship of John Wootton.

The pattern was established right away, with steam traction engines, large and small, vintage vehicles, a large model marquee and other attractions.

There was a parade of vehicles around the farm each day.

Free buses were laid on to bring visitors from Wolverhampton, and

By Alec Brew

the event was considered a big

Subsequently, it came under the Subsequently, it came under the wing of the council's Outdoor Events Department, and was moved to West Park, and most significantly the parade of traction engines and vintage vehicles went through the city centre starting at noon on the Saturday.

The event was free to enter, and, weather permitting, grew into a spectacular annual attraction. Each element of the event con-

Each element of the event con-tinued to be organised by volun-teers with Councillor Malcolm Gwinnett and Jacki Wynn of Outdoor Events playing major roles, not least when Councillor Gwinnett lead the parade as mayor.

The basic elements remained in place, with a large outdoor fair in one field, and the steam and vintage vehicles in another, but new attractions were to be added, like an American Indian Village and an aircraft section organised by the Staffordshire Aircraft Restora-

The parade brought startled shoppers to a standstill as steam rollers, armoured vehicles and fire engines suddenly rolled through Queen Square and around the city centre, the last such city centre parade in the country. Council budget cuts have halved the budget for this year and will be

cut altogether next year, so that if John Wootton and his team of vol-



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venue first.

The team at hair and beauty salon Studio 93B, on Stafford Road, Cannock, is appealing for someone to offer their premises for the show in aid of St Giles in Lichfield and Katharine House in Stafford.

Stylists will be entering the Great British Hairdressing Awards on June 28, so the show needs to be held before then as some of the looks they will be entering will be revealed.

Other hair and nail designs will be displayed at the catwalk-style event and there will be a raffle and tombola and maybe even a dance troupe. Proceeds will be split equally between the two charities. equally between the two charities.

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> A YOUNG Cannock film star's place at a top theatre school is in jeopardy because of the high cost of fees.

> high cost of fees.
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> Ben Wilby, aged 10, has won a scholarship to the prestigious Sylvia Young Theatre School in London but his mother Jill will have to pay £200-a-week boarding fees to keep him there.
>
> She fears she will not be able to make the payments in the long run.
>
> Jill said the money Ben hadso far earned was in the hundrads rather than thou.

hundreds rather than thou-sands and had been put into a trust fund

One-off

One-off

Ben is currently the face of the Harvester TV ad.

At Christmas he starred in the Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger, a sequel to the 2009 film which originally shot the St Mary's Primary School pupil to fame.

Jill said: "Because he is a child his payments are not that high. He doesn't get paid like an adult.

"He was given a one-off payment for the TV adverts, so there are no royalties every time one is shown."

The family is currently without a car and Ben has to rely on lifts three times a

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week to get to and from his week to get to and from his ballet and tap classes at Dance Xtreme in Willenhall. Jill added: "We're very grateful but you don't like asking people. "I am really worried about being able to pay for Ben at theatre school in the long run.

"I'm trying to get a job to help out and hoping for sponsorship. Ben's heart is set on going."



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Bar's mouth-watering charity challenge



Missoula bar staff member Matt Fletcher with a 35oz burger ahead of the Man V Food charity evening

PLUCKY punters are being urged to get their tastebuds around a whopping 35oz burger at a Cannock bar.

The monster platter, is being served up at Missoula in Market Place for a Man v Food charity challenge to raise money for a life-changing operation for a six-year-old girl. It is part of an American Independence-themed party as the bar looks to raise \$500 for Evie's Butterfly Fund.

Evie Poole, who has cerebral palsy and lives in Cannock, was born unable to walk. But a \$50,000 operation could see

Delight at pool numbers

ALMOST 60,000 people have used the new £6.5 million Chase Cannock Centre since its swimming pool reopened, operators say.

The flagship new pool opened in March following an eight-month delay due to tiling problems.

Delighted bosses revealed 59,860

people had used the leisure centre since the pool was finally unveiled, with the sunny bank holiday earlier this month drawing in a bumper 1,287

On its first weekend of opening, tround 3,138 people flocked to the site, which is now managed by the Wigan eisure and Culture Trust (WLCT).

Proud

Andrew Watmough, the centre's head of service for sport and leisure, said: "We're extremely pleased. Chase is a flagship site for us and we're proud of the work already achieved there."

George Adamson added: "The swim-ming pool did take a long time to arrive in Cannock but we are now glad it is

in Cannock dut we are not good here.

"It is very good how many people have been going along," he added.
The pool, which was built in 1974, was extended to 25 metres and includes a moveable floor which enables it to be split into two for teaching purposes.

ing purposes.

It closed in April 2011 as part of a total £6.5m overhaul of the centre.



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Hunt launched by police for youth commissioner

Athlete inspires pupils



Former 400m world indoor athletics champion Daniel Caines at Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School with, from left, Brittani Mendez, aged 13, assistant subject leader Sam Hardman and James Rhodes, 14

A FORMER world indoor athletic

A FORMER world indoor athletic champion has inspired Great Wyrley students to get involved with and motivated by sport.

Daniel Caines, a one-time 400m world indoor champion, visited Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School pupils in Hall Lane, as part of the school's involvement in the Sky Sports Living for Sport project.

The athlete shared his experience

am Hardman and James Rhodes, 14
of being a world class competitor
with the children.
He said: "Meeting pupils in
schools such as Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School is truly
inspiring."
Sam Hardman, assistant subject
leader for PE, said: "His visit gave
our young people a real life example
of how commitment and dedication
in sport can change someone's life."

STOCK CLEARANCE

missioner has been launched by Staffordshire Police.

The force has vowed to make a bold appointment with the county's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis claiming the country's controversial first-ever

ing the country's controversial first-ever youth crime commissioner, Paris Brown, would be the 'ideal' candidate for the role. Seventeen-year-old Miss Brown quit from her £15,000-a-year post with Kent Police following a media storm over tweets she posted which were claimed to be homophoic, racist and violent. No criminal charges were brought against her.

Mr Ellis said he was undeterred by the controversy and claimed 'someone like Paris Brown would be my ideal commissioner'.

Mr Ellis said the Staffordshire post would be unpaid but the youth crime commis sioner would go through a personal develop ment or leadership course.

Prospects

He said: "I want to find someone who has life experience, who will encourage their peers to engage with the police.
"It will be great experience and help them in their job prospects and hopefully prove invaluable to me as a commissioner and to Staffordshire Police.

"I am after someone who can really "I am after someone who can really connect with their peers, with life experi-ence and someone who represents young people broadly. Someone like Paris Brown would be my ideal commissioner."

"It is very exciting for us and very exciting for the successful young person."

Mr Ellis became Staffordshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner in Novem-ber

Car wash to aid charity

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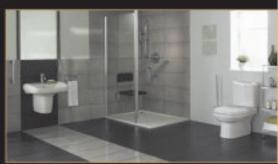
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New bar franchise expands portfolio

bar chain which was first launched in Cannock by an ex-amateur boxer has opened another venue to add ṫo its

growing franchise portfolio.

Bar Sport, started by Cannock entrepreneur Scott Murray back in 1998,

health Sout wintay back in 1996, has launched a venue in the upmarket town of Wilmslow in Cheshire.

Mr Murray was at the VIP launch of the £1million Bar Sport Wilmslow last Thursday. He was joined by Manchester City football legend Mike Summerhea and forware manager Brian Hurton. bee and former manager Brian Horton who was born in Cannock and also played for Hednesford Town.

Memorabilia

Memorabilia

For the red side of the city Manchester United's first team coach Rene Meulensteen also turned up for the launch bringing with him a special shirt signed by all the players and retiring manager Sir Alex Ferguson.

The shirt will be added to the other memorabilia on display at Bar Sport.

The opening of Bar Sport in Wilmslow has also created more than 20 jobs. There are also franchises at Ipswich, Maidenhead and Croydon with others at Bromley, Reading and Nottingham to open by the autumn.

Mr Murray said: "It was fantastic to see another Bar Sport franchise open to the public. We have already had some of the Man Utd staff including Wayne Rooney pop in there.

"The Bar Sport franchise is growing all the time. By the autumn we are



From left, Scott Murray, Manchester City legend Mike Summerbee, former manager Brian Horton and Daniel Slifkin, Bar Sport Wilmslow franchisee

hoping to have opened three more."
Other Bar Sport venues have seen regular visits from the likes of former

regular visits from the likes of former boxing world champion Ricky Hatton and World Cup legends including Nobby Stiles and Gordon Banks.

In September former Undisputed Heavyweight World Boxing champion Evander Holyfield is due to visit the Premier Suite at Bar Sport, Cannock.

Meanwhile, a Caribbean party is taking place at Cannock's Bar Sport this weekend – and will culminate in

the town's first bikini contest. Local ladies are being invited to take part on Sunday (May 26). There will be cash

Sunday (May 26). There will be cash prizes totalling £200.
People are being urged to come in shorts, wild shirts and shades and there will be entertainment from a steel band. It will also feature party DJs and food and drinks specials will be served all night from 7pm.

Mr Murray said: "It will be the town's first bikini contest and we are inviting girls to come and take part."

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Carnival royalty crowned at disco



Leah Abnett and Josh Guest who were crowned the King and Queen at the Great Wyrley Carnival disco

A parade to mark the patron saint's day took place around the around the village before a fete at Harrison's Sports & Social Club, in Wharwell Lane. Josh Holiday, aged nine, was St George and six-year-old Edele Billington his English

THE Great Wyrley carnival committee joined forces with the Royal British Legion to raise more than £1,500 for the Poppy Appeal at a St George's Day street collection.

Josh Guest, aged 10 and Leah Abnett, nine, were crowed King and Queen with Jenson Wise-Hughes, aged seven and the around the village before a fete at Harrison's Sports & Secial Club, in Whereal Larna Leab Heiders and five-year-old Rose Wasin named as Prince and Princess.

As well as winning a ride on the carnival float, they received a cash prize and a trophy.

Cash injection boosts t

pumped into Rugeley to boost the town centre and increase footfall.

Around £100,000 has already been earmarked to revamp historic buildings with English Heritage carrying out the works.

The latest cash injection would see £50,000 being spent on replacing benches and signs in the town centre with the remainder going towards the ongoing English Heritage scheme. County Councillor Geoff Martin, who also sits on Rugeley Town Council, said: "Something like this has been needed for a very long time in Rugeley.

Trade

"This money will help freshen the town centre up a bit."

Councillor Martin also said the

improvement scheme would result in more people visiting Rugeley and would lead to a boost in trade. He

added: "I think we will see more shoppers coming into the town and spending their money in the shops and businesses here."

The cash injection is the latest boost for Rugeley. A new Tesco store is being built in Leathermill Lane at the former Colors and the meeting 250 is being built in Leather meeting 250 is being the state meeting 250 is being the second of the

Celcon works, creating 250 jobs. It is due to open in September. The English Heritage project

Heritage project includes helping businesses make repairs to historic commercial build-ings in the town centre.





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NEWS

Wings and wand at ready for walk in aid of hospice



Lisa Lacey, right, tries out her fairy wings and wand with her sister-in-law Carole Lacey for the Solstice Walk

A CANNOCK woman is suplong-standing porting fundraiser in aid of St Giles Hospice.

Hospice.

Lisa Lacey will be entering the Solstice Walk, which is this year marking its 30th anniversary, to give something back to the charity that cared for her mother-in-law Joan.

Lisa, of Heath Hayes, will be joined for the walk through the streets of Lichfield on June 22, by Joan's daughter Carole and a group of friends.

ter Carole, and a group of friends, known as Joan's Jewels, to remember the life of the 84-year-old.

"St Giles Hospice is an absolutely fantastic place and they really looked after Joan at the end of her life, which

made a huge difference not just to her, but to the whole family as well," said Lisa, aged 46, a Casualty Bureau Manager for West Midlands Police.

Manager for West Midlands Police.
"It's hard to believe that such an amazing facility is so dependent on charitable support to keep going, and ever since Joan was cared for by St Giles in April, we've been keen to do what we can to help out."

Milestone

Friends and relatives have already donated nearly £600 for the hospice instead of giving flowers at Joan's funoral.

The 2013 St Giles Hospice Solstice Walk takes place from 10pm and covers two 4.5-mile circuits.

To mark the 30th anniversary milestone, St Giles wants to break a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of fancy-dress fairies in one place.

Helen Relihan, head of fundraising, said: "Plenty of ladies have already signed up for this year's Solstice Walk and it looks like we have a fantastic

evening in store."
Entry to the Solstice Walk is £15 per walker and the event is open to women aged 16 and over, while men are welcome to volunteer as stewards.

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Academy rated as good in first report AN academy in Rugeley has been rated good by Ofsted in its

AN academy in Rugeley has been rated good by Ofsted in its first ever inspection.

Fair Oak Academy opened in 2011 to replace Fair Oak Business and Enterprise College.

Inspectors rated the achievement of pupils, quality of teaching and the behaviour and safety of pupils at the Penkridge Bank Road school as good in their report.

It stated: "Students achieve well. Progress is particularly strong for those who face barriers to their learning. Classes are well managed and lessons well planned."

The report did however suggest the sixth form department at the school needed improving.

Brigade in a lather



Brigade members ready for the fundraising car wash

CHESLYN Hay Boys Brigade will be getting in a lather when the group holds a fundraising car wash next weekend. The brigade is trying to raise cash for its forthcoming carnival events and has entered a float in the Great Wyrley pro-

The car wash is taking place on Saturday, June 1 at the Salem Church car park in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, from 2-5pm. The boys will wash cars for just £2, while sales of tea and coffee, cake and book stalls, a tombola and handmade gifts will also boost the funds.

Cannabis factory pair sent to jai

TWO men who set up cannabis factories in Cannock, including one who owned expensive cars and a light aircraft, have been sentenced to jail.

Three others, including one from Hednesford, have

Three others, including one from Hednesford, har received suspended sentences.

Four of the five pleaded guilty to separate of charges of conspiracy to produce cannabis and conspiracy to supply between January 1 and June 16, 2012.

Police arrested John Fyfe, aged 26, and Majinder Bagria, 42, during a raid on Bagria's home in Little Heath, near Penkridge, on June 15.

June 15. The

East Midlands The East Midlands Special Operations Unit found 368 plants with an estimated street value of up to £171,800 at the property, where Bagria had been res-ponsible for tending plants.

Expensive

On the same day, officers raided a Cannock property and found growing equip-

ment
At a hearing in Northampton Crown Court on Friday,
Fyfe, who owned expensive
cars and a microlight aircraft, was sentenced to three
and a half years after pleading guilty to additional
charges brought under the
Proceeds of Crime Act
(POCA).
Bagria received two years

Bagria received two years and 10 months, having also

admitted to being involved in the supply of class A drugs. Both men still face POCA proceedings and could have their assets confiscated.

Darren Morris, 38, of Eskrett Street, Hednesford, was given an 18-month sentence suspended for two years and ordered to carry out 220 hours of unpaid work.

His role had been to look

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His role had been to look after the mortgage on the Cannock property, help install growing equipment and harvest the cannabis.

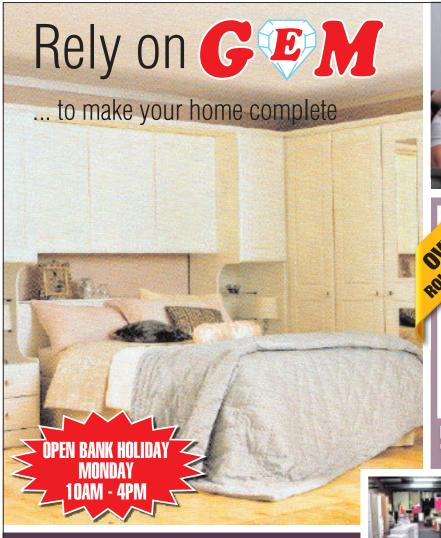
Alan McCormick, 47, of Corby, who admitted the single charge of conspiracy to produce class B drugs, received a 14-month term suspended for two years, a 12-month supervision order and a four-month curfew.

Thomas Whitty, of Crewe, Cheshire, got 12 months suspended for two years and was ordered to undertake 100 hours of unpaid work.

He had helped Fyfe and Morris clear out plants and equipment at Cannock and assisted with operations in Little Heath.

Operatic Society reunion

PAST members of Cannock Operatic Society are invited to a reunion. The get-together, for members dating back to 1962, takes place at the Barns Hotel, Cocksparrow Lane, Huntington on Wednesday, May 29, from 8pm. For further details contact Tony Coxon 01543 416349.



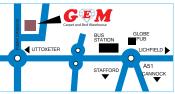
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Second phase at rural academy now unveiled



Chairman of governors Graham Morley, principal Lorraine Makin and students at the Rural Enterprise Academy

THE SECOND phase of the UK's only dedicated landbased academy has been officially copered. officially opened.

The Rural Enterprise Academy at South Staffordshire College's Rodbaston Campus, will welcome its latest intake of students in September.

The academy is an initiative developed by the college, the National Farmers' Union and Veolia.

The free school opened its doors to the first batch of students last Septem-

Animal

Students enjoy a full academic programme that includes traditional GCSEs, a range of BTECs, including land and animal courses, while also taking part in the Young Enterprise programme.
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horse riding, horse care, zoo club, game

bird management, farm duties and a range of countryside and conservation pastimes.

Principal Lorraine Makin said "Last year we were just preparing to oper our doors to our first cohort of stu-

our doors to our first cohort of stu-dents.

"Thanks to the wonderful pioneer-ing spirit of both staff and students we have had many magic moments, culmi-nating in an excellent first year."

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CLUB NEWS

Guest puts celebrated females in the picture

CHASE **TERRACE LADIES CLUB**

THE day before the last meeting was Dilys' birthday. She is one of the leading lights of the club so fellow members clubbed together to show their appreciation by sending her cards and buying her flowers, chocolates and a cake together with a gift certificate. Cupcakes were brought in by Beth to help everyone celebrate.

Speaker Derek was a pro-

Speaker Derek was a pro-Speaker Detek was a pro-fessional photographer for 40 years and took pictures of many famous people. He decided to have an exhibi-tion of about 150 photo-graphs of women who were first in their field – women doing 'men's jobs'

doing 'men's jobs'.

Angela Berners Wilson, was the first ordained priest was the first ordained priest in the Church of England, Baroness Betty Boothroyd, the first female speaker in the House of Commons and Rabbi Julia Neuberger was Britain's second female rabbi and the first to have

her own synagogue. Helen Sharman was the Helen Sharman was the first female Briton in space, Sue and Victoria Riches were part of a world record breaking world relay expedition as members of the first all women's expedition to the North Pole and Ellie Simmonds is four times Olympic champion with five world records to her name. Moira Cameron, the first woman Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London.

Members reflect on a year of achievements



Team presidents Eileen Cryer, Ronnie Reynolds, vice-president Ann Rotchell, team presidents Carole Holdcroft, Lakhwinder Thompson and president-elect Janis Lomas

AT the AGM in April, chaired by team president Eileen Cryer, members reflected on their achievements of the year.

their achievements of the year.

During the year club members continued to support Pathway, the refuge for women victims of domestic violence, St Giles Hospice, the Soup Kitchen in Mill Street and international projects such as Birthing in the Gambia.

They have become involved with support-ing the Foodbank on a regular basis, while the main focus has been in raising aware-

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ness of trafficking. There was an unusual change of insignia – as the team of presidents from 2012/13 are continuing for a further year, with Carole Holdcroft and Eileen Cryer taking on joint-presidency until September.

Team president Eileen presented the president-elect jewel to Dr Janis Lomas and the vice-president's jewel to Ann Rotchell.

Membership

PRESIDENT Sandy Hobbs opened the meeting and gave an account of the varied gave an account of the varied activities since last year, when membership has increased. She welcomed Glennis Richards, a member of Staffs

county executive, who pre-sented the national resolu-

HAYES GREEN WI tion 'The Decline of the High

tion in the beam of the street.

A bring and buy sale was held during the break and Mrs Hobbs was re-elected after a secret ballot.

Several ladies were given certificates for full atten-

dance and Diane and Sandy won the most competitions throughout the year. Sue

throughout the year. Sue King received good wishes on her special birthday. The next meeting is on July 3 at St John's Church Hall, Heath Hayes at Hall, Heath Hayes at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Ian Rogerson on cheese.

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from.
Staff and pupils are really pleased with their recent visit from HMI. The inspectors' report stated: "Attainment continues to rise in the Early Years foundation Stage."



The emphasis is on learning through play both indoors and outdoo

The report praised the plentiful opportunities provided for children to enhance their mathematical, reading

enhance their mathematical, reading and writing skills through a wide range of activities.

The school has recently embraced a whole phonics approach which combines phonics, reading and writing in the same session. The children loved meeting Fred the Frog who helps them with their reading and writing. Our new scheme has given the children great confidence to apply their skills in all areas of the curriculum.

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opportunity to come in to school and learn alongside their children.

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Cattle moo-ve in to preserve heathland

A SMALL herd of cattle has been moved on to Chasewater Country Park to help preserve valuable heathland. Three Dutch Holstein cattle, have been loaned from a local farmer and will stay in the summer grazing area on the country park's north shore until October.

The cattle will continue grazing on the heathland vegetation, which the council would otherwise have to remove manually. Councillor Ian Pritchard, Lichfield District Council's cabinet member for development services, said: "We're pleased the small herd has settled in to their new home well."

Pair rewarded for putting a smile back on patient's face



Stafford hospital surgeons John Scholey and Tim Malins are seen with their national Aesthetic Dentistry Awards

CONSULTANT orthodontist John Scholey is celebrating his fifth award in as many years after putting a smile back on a patient's face.

Mr Scholey, who is lead consultant orthodontist at Stafford Hospital, picked up the accolade at the national Aesthetic Dentistry Awards in London with colleague Tim Malins, lead consultant oral and maxillo-facial surgeon.

The pair were praised for their treatment of 21-year-old Sophie Moore from Norton Canes, who underwent four years of braces

went tour years of braces and jaw surgery to correct a severe deformity to her lower jaw.

The case was described as 'highly complex'. She has since trained as a dental nurse herself, as a result of her own experiences, and is based at Avondale House Dental Practice, Cannock.

Pleased

It was the latest in a long line of awards for Mr Scholey who had picked up a string of honours at the previous Aesthetic Dentistry Awards, formerly known as the Smile Awards. He said: "We are so pleased to pick up another award for clinical excellence here at Stafford. Complex

here at Stafford. Complex treatments such as this require a dedicated team

by Marion Brennan

grateful for the excellent

grateful for the excellent support of our teams."
The aesthetic dentistry awards reward clinical excellence in dentistry and surgery and the team beat off high level competition from all over the UK.
The judges remarked on the high quality of the treatment which showed a range of clinical skills. Mr Malins, a surgeon in Staffordshire for 20 years, said: "Sophe is one of many patients who undergo collaborative care of complex facial deformities.

ties.

She was delighted with the result of her multidisciplinary complex care."

The award was not the only recent success for the team, with dental nurse specialist Sarah Hall gaining her Oral Health Certificate, awarded by the National awarded by the National Examining Board for Dental Nurses.

Village gears up for bank holiday market bonanza

BOSSES at Penkridge Market are gearing up for their bank holiday bonanza. There will be around 100 market stalls at the bank holiday market and car boot sale on Monday, selling everything from books and breads to blinds and cakes.

The site has an indoor market and hard-standing area, and organisers are keen to stress that rain will not dampen the event.

There will also be around 50 market.

the event.

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Emma Roach (Tony and Gill's daughter), Alison Farmer (staff), Stephen Sutton, Gill Tully and Tony Tully

A BURNTWOOD pub raised more than £6,000 for charity,

inspired by a local teenager with incurable cancer.
Stephen Sutton, aged 18, hit headlines in February after publishing a bucket list of things he wished to do.
The Chase Terrace Technology College student has since raised more than £40,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.
Tony and Gill Tully, licensees at the Drill, in Springlestyche

Lane, presented Stephen with a further cheque for £6,240 following a day of family activities. More than 1,000 customers enjoyed a rodeo bull, a bouncy castle and live bands. Mr Tully, aged 55, whose granddaughter Natasha Read goes to college with Stephen, said: "We are absolutely delighted to help Stephen raise money towards his charity. We hope to put on an even bigger event in August."

Rail firm in jobs boost

created by rail company London Midland as it tries to make amends for cancelling

thousands of services.

Managing director Patrick Verwer revealed the boost as he met passengers to apologise in person and listen to suggestions and complaints.

At a drop-in meeting organised by Chase MP Aidan Burley, Mr Verwer said 100 posts were being created this

Stretched

At the meeting at Cannock Community Fire Station, in Hednesford Road, Mr Verwer said some drivers had left for jobs with other companies and that services had been stretched over the summer due to the Olympics

The company has also come under fire for reducing the opening hours of ticket offices across the West Midlands. But Mr Verwer said ticket offices had only been affected if they were shown to be selling fewer than 12 tickets an

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Mr Burley said: "London Midland have made a good start on addressing the problems they had at the end of last year and this is the first time they've brought senior managers out to Cannock to speak to passengers like this."

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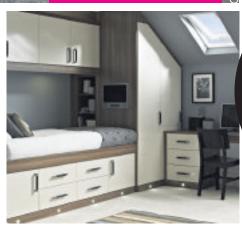
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Discount offered on food festival tickets

EARLY-bird tickets are on sale for a wildlife charity's food and beer festival. The annual event takes place at Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's Wolseley Bridge HG on June 8 from 11am to 10pm. Discounted tickets are on sale at just £2.50, with entry priced at £4 on the day. Under 16s go free. Visitors will be able to sample a choice of ales from a host of local brewers with foods on offer including breads, pastries, pickles, chutneys and savoury eggs. Hot food will also be available also available and there will be live entertainment. Call the Wolseley Centre for tickets on 01889 880140.

From Dave to Jane



Jane Chaplin who has undergone a sex change at 65

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A COUNCILLOR has undergone a sex change to become a woman at the age of 65.
Housing manager Jane Chaplin was previously David. Despite being married for many years, she said she had always known she wanted to live life as a woman.
Jane, who works for Cannock Chase Council as a private sector housing manager and sits on Wellington town council in Shropshire, said: "I have always known that I wanted to go this way, but life gets in the way.
"People are being very supportive, certainly the town council, my employer, friends and relatives.
"My transition is ongoing but now is the time to live as Jane. So far I have been very lucky and had lots of support." Councillor Chaplin had leave of absence from the council for eight months following the death of his 65-year-old wife, Rosemary, in May 2012.

Pothole repairs add up to 4,500

MORE than 4,500 potholes in Staffordshire have been repaired in two months since an emergency programme of works was launched.

County council bosses ordered a blitz on winter-damaged highways at the end of February backed by £500,000 to tackle the worst-hit areas. They now say the end of the work is in sight, with 90 per cent of the work completed.

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Although filling in will continue throughout the rest of the year, the special repair programme is expected to return to normal by the end of the month.

Up to the end of April, 4,500 potholes had been repaired, compared to around 2,900 in the same period in 2012.

The repeated freeze-thaw rocess weakened the road

Effective

Twenty crews have been assigned to the task. County Council leader Philip Atkins said the teams had been highly effective, working flat-out to tackle as many atheles as they could see they could be a seen they are the are the

flat-out to tackle as many potholes as they could, as quickly as possible. Before the Easter week-end, crews repaired more than 60 potholes in one day alone. Roads tackled included Wolverhampton Road, Cannock and Rugeley Road, Burntwood. Hund-

reds of potholes were also repaired in Rugeley, Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay. More than 4,000 potholes were reported after one of the worst winters in recent history, followed by the coldest spring in 50 years.

The repeated freeze-thaw process weakened the road

Traffic passing over the affected road then ruptured it, causing potholes to

it, causing potholes to appear.
Some of these then become flooded with melting ice, making them bigger when the water froze and expanded.
With the council responsible for more than 3,700 miles of highways, Councillor Atkins said the repair programme had been a mammoth task.

Historian's talk on wills

FAMILY historian Pam Woodburn will be giving a talk on wills to the Norton Canes Historical and Family History Group next Tuesday, May 28. It takes place at Norton Canes Library, Burntwood Road, from 7 - 9pm. This will be Pam's last talk to the group although a trip to Lichfield record office should be taking place soon. Admission is free.



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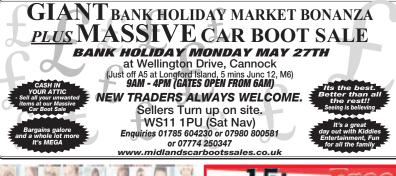


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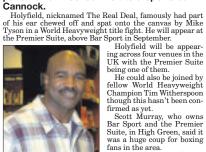
Award-winning holiday park wins praise of MP

AN award-winning family-run campsite has been hailed by Cannock Chase MP Aidan Burley as an example of the region's successful businesses.

Mr Burley visited Silver Trees Holiday Park to see how owner Trevor Barber has continued to make a success of his business during the tough economic climate. The site has offered holiday accommodation since the 1940s and is run with the help of Mr Barber's wife, daughter and son-in-law. Mr Burley said: "It's fantastic to see such a high-quality, well-run local family business, providing an excellent visitor experience, really making the most of Cannock Chase."

Heavyweight **Holyfield to** meet fight

punch on a knockout visit to a sports bar in Cannock.



Evander Holyfield

Landmark images are sought by store staff

FURNITURE store DFS is calling on aspiring photogra-phers to put their work in the frame at its Cannock

the frame at its Cannock store.

The company, at Roman Way Retail Park, asked customers to pick their favourite local landmarks, and are now looking for a photograph of the most popular selection.

First place went to Cannock Chase, with St Luke's Church in second place and the Museum of Cannock Chase in third. Photographers are now being asked to send in their shots of the winning landmark.

shots of the winning landmark.

Store manager Steve Adlam said: "We are looking for a shot that captures Cannock Chase in a really special and beautiful way.

"The winning shot will take pride of place in the store for everyone to view."

The deadline for entries is Friday June 7 and entrants can send their photograph via e-mail to: prdfs@havas ww.com or send a CD in the post to DFS Cannock, A View From A Sofa, Havas PR, 3rdFloor, 52 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6JX. Entrants must be 18 or over

fans at bar FORMER undisputed World Heavyweight Champion Evander Holyfield is set to pack a

though this hasn't been con-firmed as yet.

Scott Murray, who owns
Bar Sport and the Premier
Suite, in High Green, said it
was a huge coup for boxing
fans in the area.

He said: "Evander is
flying over in September and

his agent has given the go-ahead for him to come to the Premier Suite.

"It really is a massive coup as he still remains one of the biggest and most iconic names in boxing.

Majority

Holyfield was both a Cruiserweight and Heavy-weight World Champion and announced his retirement from the ring last October.

In 1990 Holyfield knocken out James "Buster" Douglas to claim the WBC, WBA, IF and The Ring Heavyweight

and The Ring Heavyweight titles.

He retained the Heavy-

He retained the Heavy-weight title three times before suffering his first pro-fessional loss to Riddick Bowe in 1992. He beat Bowe on a majority decision before losing his titles again to Michael Moorer in April In 1996 he defeated Mike Tyson by 11th round technical knockout to win the WBA title and became the first heavyweight fighter since Muhammad Ali to win the World title three times. Seven month later he won the rematch against Tyson when Iron Mike was disqualified for taking lumps out of both of Holyfield's ears.

Ten-mile ramble

CHASE & District Ramblers CHASE & District Ramblers take part in a 10-mile walk in the Peaks at Curbar & Froggatt Edge this weekend. They will depart at 9am on Sunday from Hednesford rail station car park, Anglesey Street.

Family history course

A SIX-WEEK course for people who want to trace their family history will begin at Burntwood Library next month. The course runs from 10am to noon from June 6 and is suitable for beginners who need help tracing their family tree. Each session will cover the basics from researching parish records, birth, marriage and death certificates, to reading the handwriting found on old documents. For more information email pam. woodburn@talktalk.net

Teenage protege left snookered by sports bar closure

TEENAGE snooker champion Riley Parsons used to rush straight from school every day to practise at his local club in Cannock.

only one has replied thering its tables in the evenings.

Riley, of Merlin Close, Cannock, said: "I feel it's a bit disrespectful to me if they think I'd just misuse the tables because I'm 'just a kid'."

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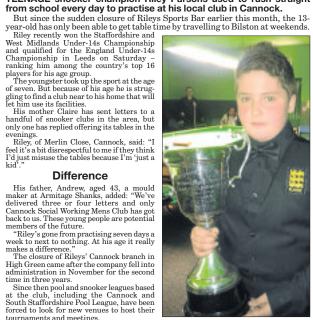
His father, Andrew, aged 43, a mould maker at Armitage Shanks, added: "We've delivered three or four letters and only Cannock Social Working Mens Club has got back to us. These young people are potential members of the future.
"Bilay's gone from practising seven days a

"Riley's gone from practising seven days a week to next to nothing. At his age it really

week to next to nothing. At his age it really makes a difference."

The closure of Rileys' Cannock branch in High Green came after the company fell into administration in November for the second time in three years.

Since then pool and snooker leagues based at the club, including the Cannock and South Staffordshire Pool League, have been forced to look for new venues to host their tournaments and meetings.



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Police probe into former health chiefs is under way

DETECTIVES have begun an investigation into whether two bosses in charge during the period of the Stafford Hospital scandal committed misconduct in public office.

Stafford Borough Council announced last month it had filed formal complaints against former Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust chief executive Martin Yeates and chairman Toni Brisby.

an Toni Brisby.

Councillors have asked officers to investigate whether the pair committed misconduct in public office by knowingly giving false and misleading information about Stafford Hospital's mortality figures to the authority in 2008.

Staffordshire Police said detectives, headed by a

detectives, headed by a senior investigating officer, had met with council officials.

cials.
Force spokesman Peter Bate said: "An investigation into Stafford Borough Council's complaint is being conducted by Staffordshire Police, led by a senior investigating officer.

Allegations

"After receiving the council's correspondence, detectives recently met council representatives to discuss the matter further." Mr Bate added: "Our inquiries into these serious allegations are in their early stages but will ultimately seek to establish if any criminal offences have been committed." now in store SUPERMARKET is selling books about Cannock at its town branch.

A collection of 10 local

mitted. The council originally made the complaint to the Crown Prosecution Service

Crown Prosecution Service and it was then handed to the police to investigate. The action was proposed by councillors Philip Jones and Joyce Farnham who were both governors at the troubled trust at the time of scandal.

William Conaghan, spokesman for Stafford

scandal.
William Conaghan,
aspokesman for Stafford
Borough Council, confirmed: "Officers of the
council have met with police
and we are helping them
with their inquiries in to this
matter."

Shop reopens A COFFEE shop in Hednes-ford has reopened following an eight-week closure. Dawn Evans, the owner of Cafe Boogaloo in Market Street,

at its town branch.

A collection of 10 local interest publications, covering subjects from cookery and history to children's stories, is now available at the Sainsbury's in Voyager Drive.

One of them, a history book titled Cannock Chase: The Second Selection, was written by the store manager's mother, June Pickerill.

The 74-year-old, of Rawnsley Road, Hednesford, said: "I collected all old photographs for the book and more modern ones as well. It really shows the change in the area from the 1900s to the present day."

The selection will remain on sale for one year, with a free photographic print available for every customer who buys at title published by Francis Frith.

The move is part of the company's Local Books campaign, which 266 stores across the country will be involved in.

Prices range from £2.99 to said two new jobs had been created through its recopen-

involved in. Prices range from £2.99 to £7.99.

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the town is

Popular art festival held at church again

A POPULAR art and crafts festival is being brought back to Cannock's landmark following its successful first year.

Artwork including paintings, photography and woodturning from local artists and craftsmen will be on display at 10am until 4pm at St Luke's Church on Saturday, June 8 Following the success of last year's inaugural event organisers decided to make it an annual free festival.

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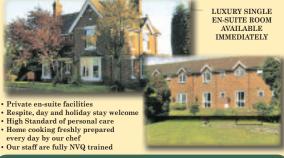
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Firefighters were called to the property in Market Street, above an off-licence, in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The fire spread via the roof space to an adjoining store room above a newsagents' next door.

No one was in the property at the time and part of the building was smoke and heat damaged.

The cause is being investigated but is thought to have been deliberate.

Nurse on the run



With her husband Dean is nurse Arlette Carmichael

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A NURSE from Cannock who was diagnosed with Type 1
diabetes hopes to complete Bupa's Great Birmingham Run
to raise awareness and funds to help research the condition.
Arlette Carmichael is a GP practice nurse who has used
her own experiences to become a specialist in the diabetes.
The 35-year-old has chosen to run in aid of Diabetes UK
who have helped and supported her and her patients.
Arlette said: "Last year I was on the Diabetes UK's cheering bus at the Bupa Great Birmingham Run and it inspired
me to take part. Since I was diagnosed 10 years ago, Diabetes UK has been a great source of information and
support.

"Now as a practice nurse specialising in diabetes, I refer my patients to the charity when they are first diagnosed." The money raised by Arlette will enable Diabetes UK and Bupa to raise awareness of the condition and help support nearly four million people in the UK that live with diabetes. To sponsor Arlette visit http://www.justgiving.com/Arlette-Carmichael

Rugby club given stay of execution

A RUGBY club facing closure in the year of its 30th anniversary has been saved for another

Wheaton Aston and Penkridge Rugby Club board members called a crunch meeting as dwindling membership left them in financial dire straits and having to cancel

games.

Based at the Monckton
Recreation Centre, in Pinfold Lane, Penkridge, the
club once had three thriving
sides but now struggles to
get together just one team
on a weekly basis.

Soldier

After discussing the club's financial position and whether it could viably continue, stakeholders decided to soldier on with the club providing they can recruit new members.

Club chairman Julian Witcomb said he and fellow members were now feeling far more positive about the

far more positive about the club's future. "I think we all feel a lot

more enthused now," said 56-year-old Mr Witcomb, who joined the club in 1992.
"Everybody at the club

by Kirsten Rawlins

wants to see it stay open. All

we need now is some new players.We really don't want to see the club close, espe-cially not in its 30th year. The club was formed in Wheaton Aston and moved to its current home in Penkridge around 10 years

ago.

The club's hierarchy is planning to launch a recruitment campaign, putting out flyers and posters in Penkridge as well as holding touch rugby tournaments for boringers.

for beginners.
They are also scheduling breakfast mornings to coincide with the forthcoming British and Irish Lions tour

to Australia.

To join the club or to find out more, call Mr Witcomb on 07739 950063.

Discover natural world

YOUNGSTERS can discover the delights of the natural world during the half-term break. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is runnings its Wildplay programme for eight-to-13-year-olds at its Wolseley Centre HQ near from May 28 to 31 from 10am to 3pm and cost £9. The sessions will provide a variety of outdoor activities including mini-beast hunts, shelter building and assault courses. Family Wildlife Watch sessions for four-to-seven-year-olds are also being run on Wednesday May 29 from 10am to noon at a cost of £2.50. To book a place, call the Trust on 01889 880100.

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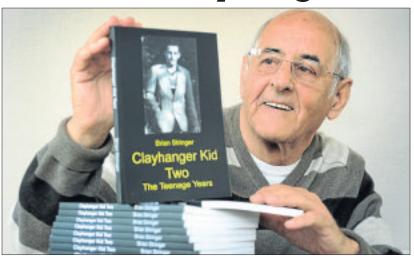
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Bue pire Gare Author's new chapter in the life of Clayhanger Kid



Former miner Brian Stringer with his second book, written after demand from people who had the first one

A FORMER miner from other villagers, dating back to the Brownhills has written a sequel to his first book about growing up in a small pit brother Barry. village.

Brian Stringer, aged 74, has put pen to paper to write The Clayhanger Kid 2, which is packed with stories and pictures exploring his life from when he was 14 until he turned 23

The first 40 pages of the book also contain memories of Clayhanger from

Persuaded

The grandfather-of-four, of Park Close, said: "Following on from the first book, a lot of people got in touch to tell me about their stories of Clayhanger and they persuaded me to write another book.

"I've devoted the first 40 pages to

If om people who had the first one stories about other people in the village. There is also an aerial photo of Clayhanger in 1953. Then after that I continued my life story."

The first book sold about 360 copies and 400 copies have been printed for the sequel. It has been published by Excel Print in Aldridge and costs £6.

Mr Stringer will sign copies of his book at Brownhills Library on June 8 from 10am to 3pm. It is available to buy at Downes High Street Newsagent in Brownhills and at Chasewater Railway or call 01543 821539.

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Paper Aeroplanes, Glee Club, Birmingham SARAH Howells provides the distinctively clear voice for the duo Paper Aeroplanes with Richard Llewellyn playing his half of the act with lead guitar, backing vocals and harmonies. Raven-haired, Howells' piercingly clear

voice has a fantastic range, seemingly unlimited power and yet at times manages to keep a childlike quality to it.

to keep a childlike quality to it.

Starting out with A Time to Be which was a much louder version that had much more of a rock feel to it than the ethereal acoustic version on their new album Little Letters.

Therein lies a potential problem. It seems the live versions of their tracks on the album promotion tour are much harder and heavier and if you have only heard them from the recording it could be something of a shock when you hear them live.

Also from their new album was At the Altar which was a strong ballad which built

Altar which was a strong ballad which built up slowly then dropped out for the verses

A MASTER of rambling, absurdist humour,

A MASTER of rambling, absurdist humour, only perhaps Paul Merton can get close to Eddie Izzard when it comes to bizarre flights of fancy.

But the self-proclaimed 'action transvestite' never really seemed to hit top gear in Birmingham on Wednesday night. Maybe it was the venue, the humour evaporating in the cavernous environs of the NIA. It would have hit home at a packed Symphony Hall or Hippodrome rather than a half-empty arena. Turning to watch him on the big screens beside the stage literally became a pain in the neck.

Izzard, looking dapper in a suit with wine-red nail varnish and high heels, did not dis-appoint as he talked his constantly amusing rubbish for nearly two hours. It seemed like

pain in the neck.

and drummer Ryan Aston left Howells and Llewellyn to just the acoustic and electric guitars respectively for this slow ballad.

stream of consciousness but must have been structured. Yet the Force Majeure tour's

'God' theme remained vague and pointless, though apparently 'Steve God' sounds like Darth Vader.

structured.

mind tricks in a two-hour show.

This master of psychological illusion dispelled various myths around the mystic world and alternative medicine and disclosed some of his card 'cheats'.

The manipulator of magic and mind control claimed this show was new as he mixed things up to make it different to his television shows. He admitted that this

Musical is

their sexist, bullying boss.
Ben Richards as the bullying boss Franklyn J Hart
was convincing and hilarious. The girls, Violet (Jackie
Clupe) Dorelee (Amy

before building back up again for the chorus. For the Same Mistakes Howells allowed the softer side of her voice free rein for this torch song-style rendering which also brought a gravelly quality to her sound when she reached down to the lower end of her range. With Fable, double bassist John Parker

ingham
THERE just aren't enough
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packed venue in the palm of
his hands as he went
through number, card and
mind tricks in a two-hour
show.

Öldie

The set included mostly tracks from Little Letters with the odd oldie thrown in. For the strong ballad Lifelight, Howells' voice stood out, hitting high and low notes with consummate ease.

The set ended with Circus which started with just Howells' voice but the rest of the group filled out the sound before she brought it back down to the quieter ending.

Danny Farragher

Ramblings lost in shows. He admitted that this was rather scary for him, but he needn't have worried – it was simply superb! Sue Attwater cavernous arena

a real treat

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ON a wet and windy night in Wolverhampton the delightful 9 To 5 was just the job.
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Darth Vader.

There were wonderful surrealist episodes featuring ghost cows, a banjo-playing Kraken and gold-mining bling moles in sports cars, all as disjointed as the Tweets from his fans screened before the show and during the 20-minute interval.

His thoughts on dressage 'only useful if you want to park a horse in a cupboard'-were priceless. But his heavy-handed political references, regularly referring to 'fascists' and suggesting Mrs' Thatcher sits next to General Pinochet in hell, fell with a clunk whilst his imagination otherwise soared.

Leon Burakowski ous. The grrls, Violet (Jackie Clune), Doralee (Amy Lennox) and Judy (Natalie Casey) were so different but worked well together. A real treat. Sue Attwater

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NEWS

Parcel firm delivers again at awards



E&S managing director Phil Inman with Syed Ziaulla, from APC Overnight, which won Business of the Year

DELIVERY APC firm Overnight has been crowned Business of the Year at the Express & Star's 2013 Business Awards, topping a year that has seen the firm building a brand new headquarters in Cannock.

And the company was also able to And the company was also able to mark a unique achievement – the first business to win the blue riband award twice. APC was declared business of the year in 2012, and chief executive Syed Ziaullah said: "I'm absolutely speechless; it's just not sinking in. "We just wanted to be here tonight to celebrate other people's success and achievements I warned everyone not to

expect to win after last year. It's a great accolade just to be a finalist and it accolade just to be a finalist and it never crossed my mind we might win for a second year.

"This award is a tribute to the total dedication and commitment of everyone at the business."

The award judges said it had been 'a very hard-fought category'.

Wonderful

"The incredibly strong financial situation at APC Overnight impressed greatly," they said.

The business was described as: "Strategically well-run with significant future potential, not least at their new automated distribution centre." Mr Ziauliba added: "It is wonderful

Mr Ziaullah added: "It is wonderful to be told we are doing a great job. We

have achieved some really good, positive, results in the last year.
"This award is not just about one

"This award is not just about one person, or one team. It is about every-one in the organisation and just shows that with passion and enthusiasm you can go a long way.

"We always try to give our customers more than they expect, that is what I believe in and that is what we deliver.

"This award will mean a hell of a lot overview, even more than last year's

to everyone, even more than last year's

to everyone, even more than last year s award.

APC Overnight's move to its £15 million new national sortation centre at Kingswood Lakeside in Cannock will more than double its capacity and sig-nificantly increase the level of support it offers to the network of 115 inde-pendently-owned depots.



NEWS

Glamming it up at intimate Lucy's Bar

by Kirsten Rawlins

GODFATHER of glam rock Alvin Stardust wowed the crowd in Hednesford last weekend.

weekend.

After years of acting in the West End and a highly successful career performing at huge arenas to thousands of fans, the 70-year-old rocked a more intimate venue on Saturday night – Lucy's Bar in Bradbury Lane.

Stardust played a range of his biggest hits, including My coo ca choo and Jealous Mind, as well as a variety of 50s rockabilly and covers of rock legends Guns n Roses and ACDC.

The show was part of a series of performances for Alvin and his band in aid of the Autistic Society, a cause close to home as his Hednesford-based guitarist Dave Clarke's eight-year-old daughter Ruby has the condition.

"We don't really have a list of songs to play as such," said the father-of-five, who travelled from his home in Guildford to perform.

Smaller

Smaller

"We know what songs we're going to start and finish on and we know there's some songs we've definitely got to get in, like the hit records. There's

such a cross section of stuff we play.

"If we're playing a corporate event at a hotel we're obviously going to act differently, but if it's a club like Lucy's wallet rin."

differently, but if it's a club like Lucy's we let rip."

The London-born rocker says playing smaller venues like Lucy's lets him 'get back to his roots'.

"There's a lot of clubs around that are like this- outside it looks like a bit of a shed, but inside it's like the Tardis," he said.

"This place has got a reputation too. Lucy's Bar have given us the whole venue for free too, so all the money can go to charity."



Alvin Stardust performs at Lucy's Music Bar, Hednesford, last weekend



Dave Clarke, of Hednesford, left, on stage with glam rocker Alvin Stardust

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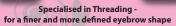


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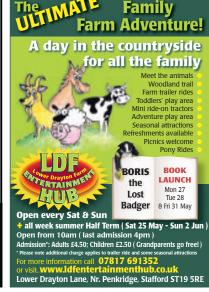




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Join us in the Summer in our country beer garden and children's play area





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The restaurant sets new standards for Indian food in the Cannock Chase area with exquisite tasting Asian cuisine in a relaxing, contemporary venue. The menu features traditional classics alongside popular fusion dishes created by the talented team of chefs, all at very reasonable prices

All staff at Blue Ginger are dedicated to providing an enjoyable dining experience. The walters provide personal, professional service and are always on hand to recommend dishes for both the adventurous and the more cautious!

Blue Ginger is the perfect venue for any occasion and large groups and parties can easily be accommodated. The restaurant is laid out with a selection of private booths and round dining tables for a social dining experience.

Blue Ginger is fully licensed with a variety of beverages to accompany your meal including Kingfisher larger and a selection of wines.

The Blue Ginger Sunday buffet is popular with all ages and enables visitors to sample a variety of freshly cooked starter and main dishes from the menu on an 'all you can eat' basis for just £7.95 per head.

Monday - Thursday 2 for 1 on main courses when dining in

Blue Ginger Indian restaurant benefits from a large car park with CCTV coverage and for customer comfort the restaurant is fully air conditioned.

Blue Ginger also provide a takeaway service throughout the Cannock Chase area for customers to enjoy the high quality food in the comfort of their home. An outside catering service is also available if requested.

Restaurant Manager Abdul

Head Chef Mr Rahman

Address Stafford Road, Huntington, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS12 4NU Tel: 01543 500300

Due to the popularity of Blue Ginger, booking is always advisable to avoid disappointment

Opening Times

Monday - Thursday 5.30pm - 11.30pm 5.30pm - 12 midnight Sunday 1pm - 10pm



Delicious, inviting home-style cooked food

Situated at the bottom of Chasetown High Street, a 10 minute walk from Chasewater, The Uxbridge Arms serves home style cooked food - lunch times 7 days a week 12 until 2pm, evening meals Monday to Saturday 6pm until 9pm.

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Elaichi is the Bengali name for cardamon seeds, an essential ingredient of authentic Bangladeshi cuisine.

The menu ranges from traditional starter

main to chef specialities such as Shai Lamb and our Elaichi Special. Fresh ingredients are used everyday to give that extra quality to all our dishes.



We look forward to sharing our passion for good food and service with you, and welcome you as our guests. We are proud of the time and effort that goes into preparing each of our dishes and look forward to serving you.

warm welcome awaits you at the ADIIshad Restaurant in Cannock.

Established in 1979, it has proven over the years to be a success in fine dining, bringing the love for authentic Indian food to the heart of the town.

Dilshad is committed to maintaining its high standards and has received many accolades including winner of Best South Asian Restaurant 2012 in the West Midlands Tiffin Cup. It also achieved fifth place in the National Tiffin Cup 2012 competition awarded by the House of Commons.



"We employ some of the best chefs in our kitchen, creating dishes unrivalled in quality and taste to trigger those taste says Uddin, owner of the The Dilshad has recently undergone major refurbishment to expand the restaurant by more than twice the size, this now allows them to cater for up to 100 people in one of the best contemporary restaurants in the area!

And if it's spice you like, Dilshad chefs have concocted a tantalising dish. "I have many customers who come here that enjoy a really hot curry", says Tony.

"I thought I would try to make one of the hottest in the UK"

"The Dilshad Inferno is so hot that we ask customers to sign a disclaimer before they

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annual fair

THOUSANDS of people from across the Midlands are expected to attend an annual fair in Rugeley next

week.

The town council's Charter Fair will take place on June 1 at Hagley Park Playing Fields and the theme will be jungle fever as yet of few hys pointed. voted for by residents.

The event starts at noon

with a parade through the town before arriving at the park at 1pm.

Exciting

Acrobats, go-karts, birds of prey and a robot will keep the crowds entertained and Signal Radio will also be on site to provide music throughout the day. Town clerk Naazlin

throughout the day.

Town clerk Naazlin
Somani said: "It should be a
really good event. We have
got lots of exciting activities
for all the family to get
involved with. I hope lots of
people will come along and
enjoy the day."

Pensioners in seaside trip

RUGELEY and Brereton Senior Citizen's Committee

Senior Citizen's Committee has organised its annual seaside outing.

The group will visit Weston-Super-Mare on August 5.

For anyone over the age of 68 who would like to join, tickets cost £6 or £7 for carers. Call 01889 586083.

Thousands expected to turn up at Work to build gym at leisure centre is close to completion

thousands of pounds inside Rugeley Leisure

Centre is nearing completion. New equipment is now being installed inside the Profiles Health and Fitness Suite, which is expected to officially open in early June.

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Leisure provider Wigan
Leisure & Culture Trust has
invested more than
£680,000 at the Burnthil
Lane site.

The development will
include a 1,400 sq ft extension to the gym, bringing the
total floor space to 4,000 sq
ft.

Personal

The room will house 80 pieces of state-of-the-art Technogym equipment, including a Wellness Technogym equipment, including a 'Wellness System', which allows members to store their workout requirements on personal keys that fit into the machines.

Centre manager Lynn Illidge said: "The new Profiles Health and Fitness Suite will make a real difference to the customer experi-

ence at Rugeley Leisure
Centre and I am delighted
that these modern facilities
will soon be on offer.
"I would like to thank all
our customers for their
patience while the work has
been carried out and hope
they are looking forward to
trying out the new equipment over the next few
weeks."
Councillor Christine

Councillor Christine Councillor Christine Mitchell, culture and sport portfolio leader, added: "Cannock Chase Council are delighted that the new facilities at Rugeley Leisure Centre are nearly finished. "It's an excellent addition and the state-of-the-art fitness equipment will help people in the district enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle."

Call to find Prince Charming

A LEADING charity is on the lookout for its very own Prince Charming and Cinderella from Rugeley. Age UK South Staffordshire wants men and women to model its vintage and nearly new prom dresses, evening wear, suits, ties and shoes to prove that you can go to the ball on a budget. For more information and to enter visit www.ageuk.org.uk/southstaffs



Slimming World consultants Emma Taylor, Kate Robinson and Rachel Shirley

Shedding pounds to raise them

SLIMMERS in Rugeley are dropping the pounds and bagging up the clothes they have slimmed out of to raise money for charity.

Members of the Rugeley and Brereton Slimming World group are donating the clothes they no longer fit into to the Cancer Research UK shoo in Lichfield.

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The initiative is part of The Big Slimming World Clothes Throw, and each bag of clothes collected could raise up to £25.

Consultant Emma Taylor said: "Members in the Rugeley area have lost well over 100 stone since January and their wardrobes are full of clothes that are too big and baggy. They are happy to give them away."

Leigh Taylor who runs the charity shop in Lichfield said she had received a huge donation of clothing from the Rugeley group and was 'delighted' the group had chosen Cancer Research UK as its charity for the year.

Learn sign language as free taster session held

A BRITISH Sign Language class will be held at Rugeley Library this weekend as part of Adult Learners' Week.

The taster session for over 19-year-olds will take place on Saturday from 10am to noon at the Anson Street

venue.

It will be the last of a series of classes run by South Staffordshire College to encourage adults to return to learning.

Christine Summerton, programme manager for community education, said:

"Taster courses are the ideal way to get a feel for college life and receive advice in developing personal skills. developing personal skills, career improvement, career

career improvement, career change or retraining.

"Every year hundreds of local people choose from over 200 full and part-time vocational courses available at South Staffordshire College Tollege.

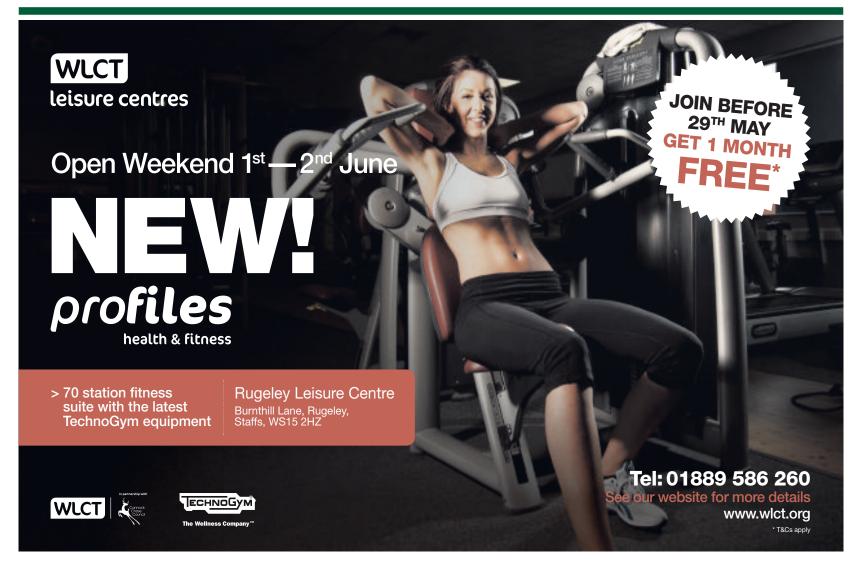
For more details, visit www.southstaffs.ac.uk

Rugby sevens contest date

RUGELEY Rugby Club will host its annual sevens tour-nament, at St Augustine's field on June 8.

The event is now in its fourth year and will see teams from clubs across Staffordshire taking part. Entrance is £40 per tea

and the first match kicks off



What's On!

TV psychic Tony Stock-well visits a Cannock venue next month to give an evening of medi-umship.

The popular star of tele-vision's Street Psychic, Psychic Private Eyes and Psychic Academy appears

Psychic Academy appears at the Prince of Wales Centre in Church Street on Wednesday, June 5. Stockwell will demon-strate his belief that those

who have passed can com-municate with their loved ones, giving proof beyond doubt of the afterlife.

Amazing

Stockwell delivers his belief with emotion, sensi-tivity and empathy. A Prince of Wales Centre

spokesman described his act as 'remarkably com-pelling, amazingly detailed and accurate and always

and accurate and always humorous'.

Tickets for the show, which starts at 7.30pm, are priced at £19 and available from the box office on 01543 578762.

Flatline Stereo to support Bad Rats

LOCAL Irish influenced band The Bad Rats will be playing at the White Hart pub in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock tomorrow night (Friday). Support will come from punk band Flatline Stereo, who will kick off

the gig at around 9pm. Admission is free.

TV psychic makes date at theatre Texas make a long overdue return to celebrate 25 years

Glamorous lawyer briefs encounters

STAR of An Evening of Burlesque

STAR of An Evening of Burlesque Bettsie Bonbon is not just a pretty face.

Bettsie, who will be bringing her show to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre tomorrow night (Friday), studied law at university, got a good degree and went on to become an underwriter at Lloyds of London.

However, a few years ago, Bettsie decided to concentrate on a career involving figures of a very different nature, becoming a full-time burlesque performer, and she says she has never looked back.

Parody

Now also a teacher at The London Academy

Now also a teacher at The London Academy of Burlesque, Bettsie said: "There are so many misconceptions regarding what a bur-

many misconceptions regarding what a burlesque show is all about.

"It's very tongue in cheek and I think more people are realising that now. Burlesque is the Italian word for parody."

"Burlesque and variety, the two go hand in hand," added Bettsie. "So expect the glamour and the girls in the show to be interspersed by equally outrageous speciality acts."

Women regularly outnumber men in auditoriums on An Evening of Burlesque's tour. Contact the box office on 01902 429212.



More than just a pretty face - burlesque artist Bettsie Bonbon

IN THEIR 25th anniversary year Texas release November with a UK tour including a headline show at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

show at the Symphony
Texas's eighth album, The
Conversation, is their first in
eight years and the latest in a
career that has seen the band
sell over 30 million albums
worldwide. Their multi-platinum albums include White
on Blonde, The Hush and a
Greatest Hits including such
tracks as their 1989 debut I
Don't Want A Lover, Say
What You Want and In Our
Lifetime. Lifetime

Guitarist

This overdue return fea-tures tracks written and pro-duced by founder members of the Glaswegian band of the Glaswegian band singer/guitarist Sharleen Spiteri and bassist Johnny McElhone, alongside collaborations with singer-song-writer Richard Hawley and former Suede guitarist Bernard Butler.

The album was recorded in Glasgow, London and at Richard Hawley's studio in Sheffield for a marriage of Hawley's 50s rock'n'roll frills and the Texas sound.

Texas play the Symphony

Texas play the Symphony Hall on November 18. Tickets start from £37. Call 0121 345 0600

Join trip to The Planets

EVER wondered what it is like to play in an orchestra? Or conduct The Planets? Be part of the Philharmonia Orchestra through a free Universe of Sound digital installation of Holst's famous work, allowing you to explore an orchestra using touch screens and planetarium-style projections at Birmingham Municipal Bank at 300 Broad Street from this Saturday to June 16, 11 am to 6pm. June 16, 11am to 6pm.

Show goes back to the 50s and 60s

PRODUCTION voted the number one rock n roll show comes Cannock next

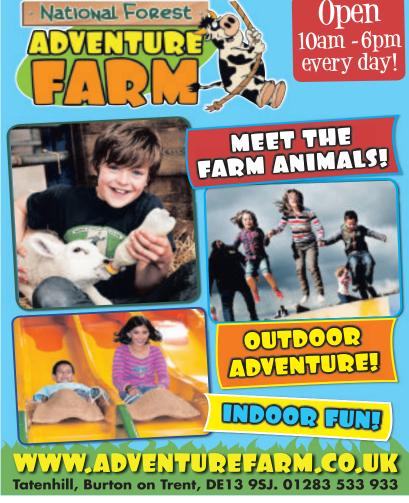
month.
C'Mon Everybody sees some of the biggest names of the 50s and 60s come together for a spectacular, vibrant and action-packed show. It features the hits of Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, Eddie Cochran, Brenda Lee, Connie Francis and Bill Haley among others.

Nostalgic

Nostalgic
The nostalgic show, brought to the Prince of Wales Centre by Chris Fender Black and the Black Cats, takes place on Friday, June 7 at 7.30pm.
Tickets are priced at £14, or £12 concessions and are available from the Church Street centre's box office on 01543 578762.
The following day from 7.30pm, theatregoers can enjoy a celebration of Motown music in 'How Sweet It Is'.
Tickets are £20

Heavy metal band to perform at bar

IO perform at Dar'
A HEAVY metal band is
playing Lucy's Bar in Hednesford next month.
Agincourt, who played
the Headbangers' Open
Air Festival in Germany
last year, first came to
prominence in the early
1990s. The band plays
Lucy's Bar in Bradbury
Lane, on June 21.





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SATURDAY'S TV 25.05.13

CHOICE



Casualty BBC1, 9.30pm

Making a mistake at work for most of us isn't great. but usually it means a few groans and a slap on the wrist. That's not the case for medical professionals, whose errors can have far-reaching consequences for their patients and their families - as Tom is beginning to realise. But it's his confidence that's taken a real beating following a recent misdiagnosis, and it's going to take a lot of hard work for him to get it back, Meanwhile, in one of the week's most moving storylines, Tess tries to help a young woman with a

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) 12.00 BBC News, Regional News. Weather 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Live Athletics. Great Manchester City Games. 2.30 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.15 A Question of Sport. (R) 4.45 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 5.5 Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix Qualifying.

6.50 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

Weather.
7.10 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates host the final battle show, by the end of which Jessie J, Tom Jones, Danny O'Donoghue and Will.i.am will be one step closer to choosing their acts.

9.20 The National Lottery Draws. Jenni Falconer sets the balls rolling to decide the all-important numbers.

9.30 Casualty. Tom takes the lead when a baby is rushed in with breathing difficulties, and having previously failed to diagnose a youngster's meningitis, he is determined to be thorough.

10 20 RRC News: Weather

10.40 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. The comedian is joined by Kevin Bridges, Daniel Sloss, Milton Jones

Daniel Sloss, Milton Jones and Craig Campbell at Glasgow's Theatre Royal, National Lottery Update.

11.25 Film: Eagle Eye. (2008) Two strangers go on the run from the authorities after receiving phone calls warning their lives are in danger. Thriller, ives are in danger. Thriller, with Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan and Rosario Dawson.

1.15 Weatherview, 1.20 BBC News.

BBC₂

6.00 This is BBC Two. 6.45 Film:
Stage Door. (1937) 8.15 Film: Two
Tickets to Broadway. (1951) 10.00
A History of Scotland. (R) 11.00
Map Man. (R) 11.30 Just A Minute.
(R) 12.00 The Chef's Protege. (R) 1.20
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Road Trip. 5.00 Tight (R)
The third day from
Wentworth.

7 NO Chelses Flower Show 2013 Chelsea Flower Show 2013. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by Joe Swift and Nicki Chapman to observe the traditional mass sell-off, in which crowds jostle for the most sought-after plants and flowers.

sought-after plants and flowers.

8.20 Dad's Army. Mainwaring's men pose as traitors to see how the residents of Walmington-on-Sea would deal with genuine Nazi inflittators in their midst. (R)

8.50 QI. Stephen Fry is joined by Sandi Toksvig, John Lloyd, Johnny Vegas and regular panellist Alan Davies on the quiz, in which the host asks hypothetical questions. (R)

9.20 David Bowle – Five Years. Exploring five key years in the singer's career, which saw him redefine himself as an in the singer's career, which saw him redefine himself as a him redefine himself as a possible singer in the singer's career, which per sonacy adopting orgent per sonacy adopting togent per sonacy and the Thin White Duke.

10 50 Film: The Man Who Fell to Earth. (1976) Nicolas Roeg's sci-fi drama, starring David Bowie, Rip Torn, Candy Clark and Buck Henry.

1.05 Film: The Wackness. (2008) 2.40 This Is BBC Two. 5.55 Film: The Mad Miss Manton (1938)

6.00 CTIV: Special Agent Oso. 6.10 Special Agent Oso. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Canimals. (R) 7.20 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.20 Almost Naked Animals. (R) 7.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.25 The Jeremy Kyler Date. (R) 9.25 The Jeremy Kyler Show USA. (R) 10.15 My Tasty Travels with Jynda Bellingham. (R) 11.15 Saturday Farm. 12.15 ITV Mews. Weather 12.25 All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) 1.25 The User Monsters. (R) 2.25 The Chase. (R) 3.25 Chapter of the Company of

(R)
Live UEFA Champions
League Final. Borussia
Dortmund v Bayern Munich
(Kick-off 7. 45pm). Coverage
of the showpiece match at
Wembley Stadium, where the Bundesliga clubs contest the prestigious trophy. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

subject to change.

10.15ITV News; Weather.

10.30 Film: Crank. (2006) An assassin is poisoned and resorts to desperate measures to keep himself alive long enough to exact a fitting revenge. Action thriller, starring Jason Statham, Amy Smart and Jose Pablo Cantillo.

12.10 Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. 3.00 The Starter Wife. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British Rallycross b. 10.1 in 8 House M. 0... 35 line 1... 25 l

Michael hosts the final night in Hastings, East Sussex, hoping to impress his guests with a Greek-inspired evening, before the winner of the £1,000 prize is announced. (R)

Int £1,000 prize is announced. (R)
Channel 4 News.
Film: Titanic. (1997) A society girl falls in love with a penniless artist during the liner's ill-fated voyage.
James Cameron's Oscarwinning romantic drama, starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

starring Aale winster and
10.40 Film: 48 Hrs. (1902/) A hardbetter and the start of the start

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 10.15 Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) 10.45 ThunderCats. (R) 11.15 Inside Hollywood. 11.20 WW1 S Tunnels of Death: The Big Dig. (R) 12.20 Film: The Dam Busters. (1954) 2.55 Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) 7.00 Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand. Highlights of day two of the concluding Test in the two-match series, which

Zealand. Highlights of day two of the concluding Test in the two-match series, which takes place at Headingley.

5 News Weekend.

MCIS. Tony and Ziva trace a suspected terrorist to a warehouse, where they find evidence suggesting a nuclear attack on Washington, Du clariful and taken to the control of the

find the culprit. (R)

10.25 Law & Order: Special
Victims Unit. An animal
rights campaigner is found
murdered.

11.20 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. A murderer with Intent. A murderer with multiple personalities is on the loose. Last in the series

the loose. Last in the series. 12.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 (1). 4.50 (2). Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.50 (2). County Secrets. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.15 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.35 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Radio 1's Big Weekend 2013 11.00 The Voice UK

Listings supplied by Press Association

11.00 Ine Voice UK
BBC Four
7.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible
Invasions 8.00 British Masters 9.00
Arne Dahi: Many Waters – Part Two
10.30 Ultimate Number 1s at the
BBC 11.30 Top of the Pops: 1978

4.45 Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) 7.00 Film: Mamma Mia! (2008) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep. 9.10 Film: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004) Romantic comedy sequel, with Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth.

2.00 Film: Agatha Christie's Murder in Three Acts (1986) 4.00 Northanger Abbey 6.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Wire in the Blood

ITV4
3.40 20 Years of Champions
League 5.40 Mourinho 6.45 Film:
Every Which Way But Loose (1978)
Action comedy, starring Clint
Eastwood. 9.00 Film: Barb Wire
(1986) Sci-fi thriller, starring
Pamela Anderson. 11.00
Premiership Rugby Union

5.30 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Happy Endings 7.30 How I Met You Mother 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: Daredevil (2003) Comic-bor adventure, starring Ben Affleck. 11.05 The Big Bang Theory

Film4 3.00 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958) 4.45 Home Alone 3 (1997) 6.40 Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) Action thriller sequel, starring Tom Cruise. 9.00 Forrest Gump (1994) Comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks. 11.40 The Crazies (2010)

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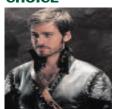
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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 26.05.13

CHOICE



Colin O'Donoghue

Once Upon a Time Channel 5, 8pm

For almost half a century Barbara Hershey has been one of the most dynamic actresses working in Hollywood. She's also rather good in this saga from the Disney stable. In the latest offering, Cora (Hershey) sends her zombies to abduct Aurora (Sarah Bolger) and swap her for the enchanted compass the sorceress needs to travel to Storybrooke, Elsewhere, Snow takes the sleeping powder in the hope of warning the local residents of the danger, and Captain Hook (Colin O'Donoghue) appears to be playing a game of his own.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Battle of the Atlantic: Remembered. 12.00 The Big Questions; Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.05 Countryfile. (R) 2.00 Regional Programme. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 3.15 Points of View 3.30 Escape to the Country. Chelsea Flower Show 2013. 5.35 Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix—Highlights. Formula 1. Monage Highlights. 7.05 BBC News; Regional News; Meather

7.30 Countryfile. East Yorkshire Countrylile, East Vorkshire is this week's location as Matt Baker finds out about marsh management on the marsh management on the stratum of the marsh with the marsh with the stratum of the marsh with the marsh with

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 My Hero: Hugh Dennis on Ronnie Barker.
Outnumbered star Hugh Dennis pays an affectionate tribute to Ronnie Barker – trosts of the Section o

BBC2

7.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening.
8.00 The Beechgrove Garden.
8.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites: 10.00
Live Athletics: Great Manchester
Run. 12.35 EastEnders. (R) 2.25
Live Women's FA Cup Final. 5.15
Flog It! (R).
Day four from Wentworth.

Day four from Wentworth,
7.00 Racing Legends: Stirling
Moss. Actor Patrick Stewart
and former racing driver
Stirling Moss travel to
Florence in a classic
Mercedes to retrace the route
of Italy's most famous road
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through the night, calling on his limitless imagination to while away the hours. Comedy, starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale. (R) 8.30 Lee Age Giants. Alice Roberts discovers evidence of a conflict between a cawe bear and of the three hours of the start of the well-preserved remains of a female woolly rhinoceros in Siberia.

9.30 Australia with Simon

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Reeve. The author and
adventurer continues his Australian journey with visits to Kakadu National Park, the remote northern Bush, Cape York Peninsula and the Great Barrier Reef.

Barrier Reer.

10.30 Film: Cinderella Man.
(2005) A washed-up boxer
struggling to support his
family during the Great
Depression tries to launch a

Depression fries to launch comeback. Drama, with Russell Crowe. 12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 1.40 Holby City. (R) 2.40 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: Special Agent Oso. 6.10 Special Agent Oso. 6.25 The Hive. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.35 The Hive. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Canimals. (R) 7.15 Canimals. (R) 7.30 Tecnage Mutant Ninja Turles. 6.00 Sonny with a Chance. 8.25 Sunday. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 ITV News; Weather. 11.30 Live French Open Tennis.

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Celebrity Catchnham

Celebrity Catchphrase. Kym Lomas, Steve Pemberton and Rosemary Shrager compete to identify familiar phrases hidden in animated clues to win thousands of pounds for charity.

Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec present the final round of auditions.

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9.00 Coronation Street. Stella and Karl reopen the Rovers.

9.30 The Scapegoat. A man is persuaded to swap places with his perfect double and finds himself drawn into a new life, with disastrous consequences. Daphne du Maurier adaptation, starring Matthew Rhys. Concludes after the news. (R)

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.50 The Scapegoat. Conclusion of the Daphne du Maurier adaptation, starring Matthew Rhys. (R)

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union. Northampton Saints v Leicester Tigers.

12.45 The Store. 2.15 Monk. (R)
3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

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Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson.
7.30 Channel 4 News.
8.00 Clare Balding's Secrets of a Suffragette. The presenter investigates the death of militant activist Emily Wilding Davison in the 1913 Epsom Derby and offers a fresh perspective on what really happened that day.
9.00 Film. Another Year. (2010) Premiere. A couple approaching retirement are visited by friends and family less happy with their lives. Mike Leigh's comedy drama, starring Lesley Manville and Jim Broadbent.

starring Lesley Manville and Jim Broadbent.

11.30 Film: The Cider House Rules. (1999) A doctor's assistant living in the orphanage where he grew up sets out to see more of life, but faces difficult most office of the company of th

CHANNEL 5

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6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05
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(R) 7.20 Noddy in Toyland. (R)
7.35 Min Mao. (R) 7.40 City of
Friends. (R) 7.50 Hana's Helpline.
(R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.15
The Adventures of Bottle Top A.
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Kingdom. (R) 9.15 Toby's
Travelling Circus. (R) 9.30 Roary
the Racing Car. (R) 9.45 Jelly
Jamm. (R) 10.00 Power Rangers:
Super Samurai. (R) 10.35 The Hotel
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Dogs. (2007) 3.10 Film: Winnie the
Pool. (2011) 4.20 Film: ScoobyDoo. (2002)
6.00 World's Craziest Weddings.
Incidents and stunts that

5.00 World's Craziest Weddings Incidents and stunts that made people's special days even more memorable. (R) 5.55 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v New Zealand.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Cora sends her zombies to abduct Aurora.

9.00 Film: Drag Me to Hell. (2009) Premiere. Horro

(2009) Premiere. Horror, starring Alison Lohman. 11.05 Film: My Soul to Take. (2010) Premiere. Horror, starring Max Thieriot.

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1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.05 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.15 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.35 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Radio 1's Big Weekend 2013 11.00 Russell Howard's Good New Extra 11.45 Sweat the Small Stuff: Extra Sweaty

RAUG SWEATS

BBC Four

7.00 The Dark Ages: An Age of
Light 8.00 The Somme: Secret
Tunnel Wars 9.00 Nina Conti: Talk
to the Hand 10.05 Firmeshift:
Wrestling's Golden Age: Grapples,
Grunts and Grannies 11.05 Arena:
Sonny Rollins' 74 – Rescuir

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ITV2
3.45 You've Been Framed! 4.15
Film: The Mummy (1999) 6.40
Film: Back to the Future Part II
(1990) Soi-fi comedy sequel,
starring Michael J Fox. 9.00
Britain's Got More Talent 10.00
Film: The Bourne Supremacy
(2004) Action thriller sequel,
starring Matt Damon.

8.00 Vera. DCI Stanhope investigates a murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland. 10.00 Prime Suspect

1TV4
2.45 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Coverage of the final at Eden Gardens, Kolkata. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Kull the Conqueror (1997) 11.00 French Open Tennis Highlights

4.35 Revenge 5.30 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.30 New Girl 8.00 Film: X-Men (2000) 10.00 Rude Tube 2012

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3.05 Honey, I Blew Up the Kid
(1992) 4.50 New in Town (2009)
6.40 Green Zone Interview Specia
6.50 Crocodie Dundee II (1988)
9.00 Knowing (2009) Mystery
thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and
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What's On!

Film Choices

Romancing the Stone, Channel 4, 1.05pm A romantic novelist goes in search of her kidnapped sister in the steamy jungles of South America, only to become the target of a villainous general who demands as a ransom the valuable treasure map in her possession. Help is at hand in the form of a craggy daredevil fortune hunter. Michael Douglas stars. (1984)

Cool Runnings, BBC1, 1.55pm

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A sprinter fails to qualify for the Jamaican Olympic squad, but refuses to give up his dream. Learning that a former US bobsleigh coach is living nearby, he seizes the chance to shine in an entirely different sport, and cajoles three of his friends to join him in training for the 1988 Winter Olympics in the far less tropical environment of Canada. Fact-based comedy, with John Candy. (1993)

TUESDAY

Desperado, Channel 5, 10.50pm
A mysterious musician carrying a guitar case full of firearms turns up in a small backwoods town to exact revenge on the drugs baron who killed his girlfriend and permanently injured his hand. Robert Rodriguez's action thriller, starring Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek, Cheech Marin, Joaquim de Almeida, Steve Buscemi and Quentin Tarantino. (1995)



WEDNESDAY

Resident Evil: Extinction, Channel 5, 10pm

Zombie-fighting heroine Alice comes out of hiding to protect a group of refugees in a post-apocalyptic wasteland overrun by the walking dead. Meanwhile, the sinister corporation that created the zombie virus is about to embark on its most dangerous experiment yet. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Milla Jovovich. (2007)

Bad Boys, Channel 5, 9pm Detectives Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett search for

a \$100million heroin consignment brazenly stolen by a French drug kingpin from the police evidence room. However, after a mix-up over a phone call from a potential witness, each cop has to assume the other's identity. Thriller, starring Will Smith. (1995)

Death Race, Channel 5, 9pm

Jensen Ames is framed for the murder of his wife and sent to Terminal Island Prison, a facility that broadcasts the highly profitable Death Race, a high-octane event where convicts battle to the death in customised cars. When a popular driver dies, crooked prison warden Henne persuades Ames to take his place, claiming he will be released if he is victorious, Jason Statham stars, (2008)

Pick of the Week

David proves he still has what it takes

e's the Starman, a real Space Oddity and one of our Heroes. He's also known as David Robert Jones, the Brixton boy who grew up to be one of the most influential music artists of all

of course, we all know him best as David Bowie, a change of moniker forced on him by the fact that in the early days of his career, Davy Jones was making a name fo himself as a member of The Monkees.

Even if you're not a fan of his music, you've got to admire the way in which Bowie has continually managed to reinvent himself, and not so much moved with the times, as stayed ahead of them.

For years he kept out of the spotlight, then surprised everybody by announcing the release of The Next Day, his first studio album for 10 years, on his 66th birthday.

He's kept quiet about it ever since, apart from revealing he will never do another interview, preferring instead to let the music do the talking; if anything, his silence has also

and his work.

The Next Day has been a massive success, with the public intrigued by what he might have been up to during his absence. And while it's a good album, even the most ardent Bowie fan would probably admit that it isn't as impressive as the offerings he gave the world during his most productive period, which lasted through the 1970s to the early 1980s.

This period continues to be seen as the most important of his career to date, and five separate years of that time are looked at in-depth in this new documentary.

Its makers have decided that 1971, 1975, 1977, 1980 and 1983 are when Bowie was at the peak his powers, and it's hard to disagn with them.

The programme will look at Ziggy Stardust, the decision to adopt a soul sound for Young Americans, his Thin White Dulke persons, time in Berlin, and the later Scary Monsters (and Super Creeps), and Let's Dance albums.

We're promised previously unseen archive footage and interviews with collaborators too.

collaborators too.

"David Bowie is one of the most important international music face of the most 50 years," aga, such a funghishand, the BBC's Commissioning Editor, Music & Events. "His impact on the music industry around the globe is exceptional. The neverbefore-seen footage in this programme will provide a fascinating insight into the world of this very private person."

Francis Whately, director, adds: "This is a project that has been in "This is a project that has been in development for more than a decade, in fact since Bowie and I worked together in 2001 on a film for the BBC Omnibus strand. This year, 2013, is shaping up to be the year of David Bowie, and now is the perfect moment for this featurelength film devoted to this extraordinary artist."

Extraordinary indeed. Fifty years after he recorded his first demo, ar after so many ch-ch-ch-changes to his image, Bowie is, as his song Fame states, too cool to fool.



David Bowie - Five Years, Saturday, BBC2, 9.20pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY Britain's Got Talent ITV, 7.30pm Every year this series shines the spotlight on

some hilarious acts, and impressionist Philip Green is one of them. The 21-year-old comedian got a unanimous four yeses to take him through to the semi-finals. Of course it's anyone's guess who will have made it through to this stage of the finals, but as we all know, you don't need to win BGT to land a career, as Susan Boyle proved a few years ago. What we can tell you is that Ant and Dec will be in their best attire as judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, Alesha Dixon and David Walliams give their verdict on the night's returning acts.

The Queen: A Passion for Horses

BBC1, 9pm It's no secret that the Queen loves horses. She's been photographed and filmed at numerous events over the years, and even has her own racehorses. But just how hands-on is she when it comes to her equine friends? The BBC has found the perfect beguine therids. The BbC has lourid the peried person to find that out – national treasure Clare Balding, whose grandfather, father and brother have all trained the Queen's horses, which gives her a unique insight into Her Maiesty's stable. This ner a unique insight into Her Majesty's stable. This documentary charts the course of one spring season, from the births of foals at Sandringham to the thrill of race day at Newbury. Princess Anne and Zara Phillips, w discuss their esteemed relative's dedication to her four-legged friends.

TUESDAY The Apprentice BBC1, 9pm

Our economy might be struggling following a series of recessions, however one rule of business is thus: go where the money is. That's exactly what the candidates do this week, as they're bundled onto an early morning plane for a business trip to Dubai. It's in the oil-rich Emirate city that this series scavenger hunt takes place, as the teams are challenged to track down items for a hotel. While one team hopes to capitalise on a bit of local expertise by scouring the markets, another heads straight to a shopping centre.

WEDNESDAY The Irag War

Without doubt the most contentious decisions made by Tony Blair and George W Bush during their time in office were in regard to the war in Iraq. For the first time, key decision-makers on both sides of the conflict, including Tony Blair and member of Saddam's regime discuss their roles... and their regrets. The first of three episodes concentrates on the build-up to the war, as the politicians involved recall the circumstances that made conflict inevitable, and attempt to refute some of the myths and speculation that have come to surround a war that is doomed to be forever shrouded in Britain's Got Talent, Monday, ITV, 7.30pm controversy.

BBC1, 9pm

Frankie is determined to get her life in order, beginning with her home. She gives it a fresh lick of paint, changes the locks and throws away the last of lan's stuff. However, just when one section of her life appears to be nearing some form of normality, her work life hits a crisis as the circumstances of Liana Corden's death begin to be investigated meaning she needs her team's support more than ever, but this doesn't materialise from Dr Evans who continues to try and bring her down, using another patient as ammunition

THURSDAY Die Hard: The True Story Channel 5, 7pm

In 1988, action thriller Die Hard became one of the biggest hits of the year. It helped transform Bruce Willis from charming TV regular into an A-list movie star, and created a template which has been slavishly adhered to ever since in films such as Under Siege, and more recently, the dreadful

White House-centric Olympus Has Fallen. It spawned four sequels, including the hi-tech, rather enjoyable Die Hard 4.0, which saw John McClane

with a technological whiz-kid who tackled a warped IT expert trying to bring down America's computer systems. This show examines how likely large

Britain's Stone Age Tsunami

Channel 4, 8pm It might upset some to know this, but 8000 years ago Britain was literally attached to the continent by a land mass the size of Germany. In 6000BC Doggerland was washed into the sea by a raging tsunami. What remains is a shallow area of the Isunarii. What remains is a shallow area of the North Sea now known as Dogger Bank. Using modern digital technology, Tony Robinson and a team of archaeologists are able to take a virtual journey through this vanished landscape.

Sarah Millican:

Thoroughly Modern Millican Live Channel 4, 9pm

Sarah Millican left many critics rolling in the aisles when she seized victory at the Edinburgh Fringe a few years ago. She soon gave Micky Flanagan a run for his money as one of UK TV's most ubiquitous guests, so there was little surprise when uoiquious guests, so rinere was intile surprise wrine. Beeb bosses finally gave Ms M her own show. If you shelled out a tenner or more for the DVD of her stand-up performance at London's Hammersmith Apollo during her 2012 UK four, then you may want to give this free version a wide berth. Everyone else; settle back and enjoy as the omnipresent funnywoman reflects on the wonders of making a home-made treadmill, the reasons for carrying spare pants and the practicalities of an orgy.



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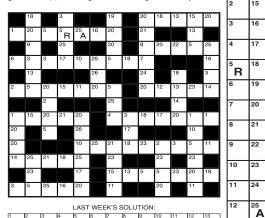
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Make an impression? (6)
- 4. He knows where to draw the line (6)
- 9. With which one suffers a lack of balance (4,9)
- 10. Take action to stop weakening the spirit? (3.4)
- 11. Make a change in special terms (5)
- 12. Soundly ridiculed a conductor (5)
- 14. Belief one can always go back on? (5)
- 18. Bring up the question of more pay?
- 19. Hoping to benefit from a reduction in the fare (2,1,4)
- 21. As a matador may be? (7.2.4)
- live (6)
- 23. His parents will be late (6)

- 1. Do some relief work? (6)
- 2. Suspicious affair the comedian is
 - involved in? (5,8) 3. Fate embraced by small church cleric (5)
 - 5. A sign of confusion (3.4)
 - 6. At home finally, seeking a place (2,2,3,6)
 - 7. Private coaches? (6)
 - 8. Period of youth which may be tense
 - 13. In line with the drill sergeant's instructions (7)
 - 15. He wants a good deal (6) 16. Tied up money? (5)
 - 17. Taken unawares?
 - 20. The morning belongs to us for an intrigue (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Mend (6) 4. Mission (6)
- 9. In order of time (13)
 - 10. Ruler (7)
 - 11. Extremity (5) 12. Range (5)
 - 14. Brush (5)

 - 18. Suffer (5)
 - **19.** Glowing (7)
 - 21. Articulation (13)
 - 22. Hark! (6)
 - 23. Drive home (6)

Down

- 1. Affluence (6) 2. Clear-sighted (13)
- 3. Interior (5)
- 5. Normal (7)
- 6. Lodgings (13)
- 7. Water down (6)
- 8. Kudos (5)
- 13. Scent (7)
- 15. Scatter (6)
- 16. Pamphlet (5)
- 17. Offensive odour (6)
- 20. Slow speech (5)

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Floodill game; 7 Steep; 8 Noose; 9 Tea; 10 Turquoise; 11 Exempt; 12 In debt; 15 Two-seater; 17 Hie; 18 Rotor; 19 Heels; 21 Poltorgeists. Down: 1 From the start; 2 Die; 3 Import; 4 Gun-runner; 5 Maori; 6 Nevertheless; 7 Spare; 10 Top secret; 15 Ethos; 14 Ether; 16 Outdo; 20 Eve. QUICK - Across: 1 Reminis-cence; 7 Dera; 8 Incur; 9 Eve; 10 Searliege; 11 Assent; 12 Tariff; 15 Elucidate; 17 Ash; 18 Pouse; 19 Abuse; 21 Coltos-shorse. Down: 1 11 Assenti, 12 I arriri, 15 Euclidate; I / Asri, I o Rouse; 19 Abuse; 21 Clothes-horse. Down: 1 Rio-de-Janeiro; 2 Nee; 3 Strict; 4 Eliminate; 5 Cache; 6 Free of charge; 7 Dregs; 10 Sentimo 13 Inane; 14 Vacate; 16 Usual; 20 Ugh.



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I HAVE a friend who does a lot of off-roading, including some pretty tough driving chal-lenges. And this female has a fair income to fund her hobby, so she can afford pretty much

whatever she wants to drive.

Her choice? A cheap and cheerful Suzuki Jimny.

"It's compact which means I can get just about anywhere I want to squeeze, it's chunky and copes with the bumps and grinds, and because it hasn't cost me the earth I won't wince if I do any damage," she explained.

if I do any damage," she expla So when I got the latest Jimny on test, I took her out for a bit of a spin – well not quite literally. A quick trip to her home to pick her up proved the other thing she told me, it's not that hot on roads and is a bit basic. Well they do say you get what you pay for. On the other hand, she added, because it is small you can park it in some very tight places if you pop into town to do some shopping. And so off we trundled across the fields at her home. Some fair slopes, a lot of mud

across the fields at her home. Some fair slopes, a lot of mud and tyres that were not specifically for off-road, proved to me just what the car can do. For a car so small it copes magnificently with bumps although on the road the ride can be a little tough. We had a great deal of fun and Jenny is now upgrading her old Jimny.

Alternative

Jimny has a neat and practical look and since sales began in 1998, it has accu-mulated a loyal following of repeat customers who enjoy

mulated a loyal following of repeat customers who enjoy a quirky alternative to a supermini or crossover SUV. The 1.3 litre engine may appear small but it gives lively performance and decent fuel economy. Maximum torque is delivered from as low as 2,500rpm, which Jimmy the kind of flexible driving character and pulling power that makes it so good off road. The seats give good support, especially needed for those driving challenges.

There's a good level of standard equipment across two trim levels: SZ3 amodels include; front fog lamps, roof rails, remote central locking, ABS with EBD, push button selectable four-wheel drive with high and low ratios and automatic freewheeling hubs. SZ4 models add even more specification as standard including air conditioning; 10 spoke 15 in alloy wheels latest design seat trim with Jimmy badging to front seat facings, black and silverfinish roof rails, leather steering wheel trim, chrome plated interior door handles and rear privacy glass.

The driving position is high and commands an excellent all-round view. All

high and commands an excellent all-round view. All on board enjoy plenty of headroom, increasing the

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sense of spaciousness created by the large glass area. Rearward visibility is aided by large, electrically operated door mirrors and a spare wheel mounted low on the rear door.

Since its launch in 1998, Jimny's separate, full box-section chassis has established a strong reputation

lished a strong reputation for durability and tough-

The rigid front and rear axles are attached to the chassis by a three-link arrangement, with an anti-roll bar fitted at the front. This well-proven design, controlled by long-travel coil springs and gas dampers, is configured to cope with the demands of rough surfaces, while ensuring a refined and compliant ride on conventional roads.

Suzuki's Drive Select 4x4 system features a transfer box with high or low-ratio four-wheel drive. The free-wheeling front hubs are engaged automatically and the standard the standard and the stan

engaged automatically and four-wheel drive can be four-wheel drive can be selected on the move while selected on the move while travelling in a straight line at speeds of up to 62 mph. Jimny is fundamentally designed to cope with off-road conditions with 190mm ground clearance, approach and departure angles of 34 and 46° respectively, and a ramp angle of 31°.

Jimny's chassis offers extreme rigidity in the event of a collision and is designed of a collision and is designed to absorb energy from all directions in a controlled manner. Progressive, reas-suring braking performance is provided by large front ported by ABS with EBD (Electronic Brakeforce Dis-tribution) tribution).

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Alasdair:Stewart, Brand Director for

details for its updated Superb flagship model.

Having undergone a comprehensive facelift, both hatch and estate versions offer a fresh and attractive design, an upgraded interior and significantly improved fuel economy and CO2 emissions. On sale in the UK from July 17, prices for the facelift Superb range start at just £18,555 (OTR) for the 1.4-litre TSI 125PS S hatch. The top-of-the-range Laurin & Klement Estate model costs £32,455 (OTR) when paired with the 2.0 TDI CR 170PS DFP

The Superb facelift will be available in the UK with six advanced engine options: three petrol and three diesel. Power outputs range from 105PS (1.6 TDI CR) to 260PS for the 3.6 V6 model. Engines are up to 19 per cent more economical than the previous genera-

economical than the previous genera-tion units, and a fuel-efficient Green-Line version offers emissions of only 109g/km. The fleet sector will make a significant contribution to Superb

is obvious.

Alasdair Stewart, Brand Director for SKODA UK, said: "The Superb continues SKODA's tradition of offering a huge amount of space, engineering excellence and great value for money. "Since its launch 12-years-ago, the Superb has been lauded for its versatility, comfort and equipment.

This comprehensive facelift builds on these and we are confident that the excellent improvements to fuel con-

excellent improvements to fuel con-sumption and CO2 will appeal to both fleet and private customers."



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New Peugeot 308 is looking pretty good

PEUGEOT has released first images of the New 308, a car launched to revitalise the brand's position in the ultra-competitive, compact family hatchback segment.

"The new Peugeot 308 has a pure and technological exterior design that speaks of high strength and high quality," says Gilles Vidal, Design Director, Peugeot. With its compact length of 4.25 metres and well-balanced proportions, the New Peugeot 308 projects a classy and sophisticated presence.

The front is dominated by an evolutionary reinterpretation of the brand's 'floating' front grille, and by the strong lighting signature. Slim full-LED headlamps are standard on the majority of trim levels and a world-first in the segment.

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The high quality of design continues at the rear, with the three Peugeot (lion) 'claws' drawn by the rear LED

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"When inside the car, one discovers a world of refined style, completely original in the world of hatchback cars, with a cockpit that is intense, innovative and intuitive; it is the Peugeot i-cockpit," says Vincent Devos, New 308 Product Manager, Peugeot.

Peugeot's design and engineering teams have developed the interior of the New 308 around the concept of the i-cockpit.

i-cockpit.

Everything is arranged for an experience that is intuitive, relaxing the driver to focus entirely on the road ahead. The compact steering wheel and head-up instrument layout mean that information can be clearly read easily and safely, looking over rather than through the wheel.

Uncluttered

The highlight of the New 308's generously spaced cabin is the 9.7-inch touch-screen interface, which removes much of the need for physical buttons and switches. Setting a new size standard for the class, it brings together many of the infotainment controls in one place, for ease of use and to create a contemporary and upplications. uncluttered cabin.

uncluttered cabin.

Advanced new modular platform gives an outstanding driving experience.

"On the road, driving pleasure is enhanced by the new EMP2 modular platform. With its considerable reduction in weight, it contributes to the dynamism and easy handling of the New Peugeot 308," says Laurent Declerck, New 308 Project Director, Peugeot.

The driving experience of the New Peugeot 308 draws on the brand's expertise in suspension and steering, and takes them to a new high due to the benefits of the new EMP2 platform.

Development of this new PSA Group architecture has resulted in 116 patent applications and contributes towards the vehicle's excellent dynamic qualities. It also plays a key role in the ear's considerable weight reduction, by an average of 140kg com

Evidence

Breakthrough engineering has allowed many of the vehicle's major units to be reduced in size – also cutting overall weight - leading to significant reductions in CO2 emissions

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As a result, this new Peugeot 308 establishes an environmental benchmark, with one model offering CO2 emissions as low as 85g/km.

The New Peugeot 308 is the latest evidence of the brand's move up-market. It's an initiative started several years ago and seen most recently with the 208 and 2008.

The initial design brief of the New 308 had the highest levels of quality at its core.

"This ambition has guided the designers and engineers from the very start of the project.

"Every element, both inside and outside, has been developed and refined with exceptional attention to detail.

detail.

"The choice of high quality interior materials and the satin chrome or gloss black detailing add to the feeling of sophistication and maturity in the car's design and assembly.

The New Peugeot 308 will be built at the Sochaux plant in France. The Trémery and Douvrin sites will supply all of the nower units.

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The New Peugeot 308 will make its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show on September 10, 2013, when more information about this innovative new model will be released.

Sales will start shortly afterwards in mainland Europe and from January 2014 in the UK.



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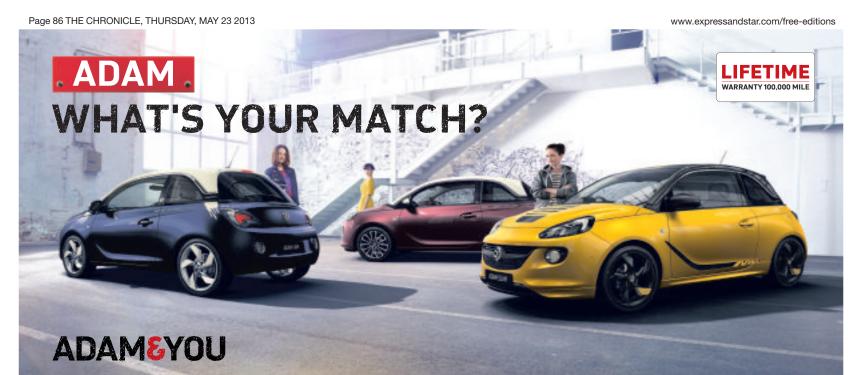


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Second generation electric car is a winner

Nissan turns over a new Leaf in the world of electric motors



Nissan have used input from existing customers in designing the new Leaf electric model

By Matt Kimberley

NISSAN is on a bit of a roll. While some manufacturers are still working on their first electric cars. Nissan is rolling out the second generation Leaf, with less weight, more range and a design more closely tailored to realworld demands.

world demands.

The biggest input into the new car has come from existing customers, which explains why it looks so similar to the old one. Nissan says the Leaf gets the highest customer satisfaction scores of any car it makes – as much as 93% – and the people who own ageing models apparently want to stay loyal to it.

But there were some obvious things wrong with the old car. The pale interior came in for a lot of criticism, so European versions of the Leaf II have switched to black, which includes black leather on the top-spec model. The single old trim option has expanded to the triumvirate of Visia, Acenta and Tekna, making the Leaf more affordable at one end and better equiponed at the

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Combined with the choice of whether to buy the entire car outright or to save £5,000 and lease the batteries, the headline price now starts from under £16,000 after the £5,000 Government grant. Suddenly the Leaf seems a lot more affordable.

The boot is now bigger; at 370 litres it's technically just 10 litres short of those of the new Volkswagen Golf and Seat Leon, although it's not so conveniently shaped.

The curved corners and relatively intrusive wheel arches make an irregularly shaped load space. Still, a 40-litre boost over the old model thanks to some relocated technology means space for one extra suitcase.

This time Nissan has given the European car its own suspension tune. The overly soft, sometimes wobbly ride of the old car was a cause for complaint.

The new set-up is not firmer per se, but is damped with greater conviction to reduce pitch and bounce. It works, too, controlling the Leaf's body movement better tham before while retaining the surprisingly good ride quality that defined the first Leaf.

Confidence

It absorbs bumps and potholes with confidence, com-

Confidence

It absorbs bumps and potholes with confidence, composure and impressively quietly. Uncommonly so, in fact, compared to almost any rival. The drivetrain is as quiet and vibration-free as you might expect, and the lack of vibration vastly reduces driver fatigue and irritation behind the wheel.

Driving the new Leaf is thoroughly relaxing, with thoughtfully shaped seats that support your spine well. The padding offers a good balance of soft comfort and measured support and the variable-ratio steering is pleasant at all speeds, but it does give something away in terms of initial turn-in response and there's no reach adjustment for the wheel.

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The batteries now offer a potential 120 miles or more in ideal conditions from a full charge. A real-world 100 miles should be normal in the summer months. Part of this increase comes from a weight reduction of 32kg, chopped mainly out of two key drivetrain components.

That drivetrain has been modified with new torque mapping and an extra driving mode, labelled B. It increases the 'engine braking' effect to closer replicate being in a low gear in an internal combustion-engined car, increasing the amount of energy the car recuperates in the process.

It's brilliant for hilly routes, where the energy recu-perated can be almost as much as the energy you use. The top-spec Tekna model driven here really feels like

a luxurious car, with heated seats even in the back, leather upholstery, climate control, an extensive in-car systems readout and satnav. The only notable flaws are the shiny plastic surrounds for the switches on the door

And yet the price is very reasonable when compared And yet the price is very reasonable when compared to other top-spec cars. You're getting a very advanced thing, with the capacity to recoup 80 per cent of its full charge in 30 minutes and to cost you less than £2 for every 100 miles you drive. While niggles like the thick, awkwardly positioned A-pillars do merit caution, the overall impression is hugely positive. At this price, maybe now's the time to consider the Leaf.

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Funeral Service to be held at Chadsmoor Baptist Chapel on Thursday, May 23, at 11am, fol-lowed by Interment at Style Cop Cemetery.

Further inquiries to GEORGE STACEY Funeral Directors

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Brenda

Passed away peacefully May 18, 2013, aged 83 years.

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Funeral Service to take place on Thursday, May 23, 2013 Stafford Crematorium at 2pm

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Nancy

Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Rugeley, on Friday, May 24th at 2.30pm. Followed by Crematorium at Stafford Crematorium.

McCRONE

Nan

We were not there to say goodbye but memories of you will never die.

God Bless

Brother-in-law Jock, Margaret, Keith and Family, Ellen, Tony and Family, John and Family.

Nan

Passed away peacefully at home on May 15, 2013, aged 84 years.

Sadly missed by all her Family and Friends. Funeral Service to be held at St Chad's Church, Chadsmoor, on Friday, May 24, at 11.45am, fol-lowed by Interment at Cannock Cemetery.

Everyone welcome to join the Family at The Green Heath Club, Hednesford.

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Nanette, Charlotte, Mark and Boys.

ROLLINSON

Van

Of Huntington.

Sadly passed away on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at St Giles Hospice, aged 85

A much loved man who was cherished by all his Family and Friends.

His Funeral Service will take place at St Thomas' Church, Huntington, on Tuesday, May 28, at 11.30am, followed by a Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

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SALT Arthur Joseph

Of Cheslyn Hay Sadly passed away on Friday May 17, 2013.

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Of Cheslyn Hav Late of The Wool Shop, Cheslyn Hay.

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WHITEHOUSE Muriel

nee Caldwell Passed away peacefully May 19, 2013, aged 84.

She will be very sadly missed by her loving Husband Tony, Sons Steven and David, Daughter-in-law Bev and Grandson Matthew

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in memoriam

BRADI FY Violet Mary

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Em, Jase, June and all the Grand-Kids. X X X

When you lose someone you love the pain is hard to hide but when you lose a Wife like you Ann the pain goes deep inside.

I will always love you. Your loving Husband Bill.

You were our Mom we say it with pride, it broke our hearts the day you died. We will treasure forever the years we shared and the love you gave. We will think about you often we will talk about you too, we have lovely memories but we wish we still had you.

Your brokenhearted Daughter Tracy and Son-in-law Tom. XXX

If I could write a story, it would be the greatest every told, of a kind and loving Daughter who had a heart of gold.

I could write a million pages but still I couldn't say how much I love and miss her every single day.

Of all the precious gifts in life, however great or small, to have had you for my Daughter was the greatest gift of all.

Love Mom

(Nelly)

Special thanks to all Doctors, Nurses and Staff at North Staffs Infirmary (University Hospital) for their special kindness shown to Nelly.

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STEVENS Bob

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Your smile has gone forever, your hands I cannot touch but i will never lose the memory of the Wife I love so much.

Mom

SWINDELLS Ann One year today May 26.

acknowledgements

GARNER

Nelly's Family would like to thank everyone for attending the Funeral and for the support everyone has shown them at this very sad time.

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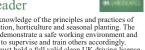
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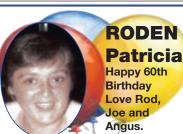




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SPORT



Signing off for season





With the end of the football season looming, a photocall for, left, Lakeside U9. Mid Staffs Premier champions; centre, Wyrley Juniors United U12, third in Lichfield Division Two and, right, Norton Canes U11, Endeavour Shield winner

Batsmen crumble in 100-run trouncing

Milford Hall 159, Cannock 59. Milford Hall won by 100 runs CANNOCK'S bowlers re-stricted Milford Hall to a reasonable target, but their batsmen did not deliver.

batsmen did not deliver.
Opening bowlers Ed Fleet
and Jack Twigger left
Milford struggling at 15-3 in
this Birmingham and District Division Three match.
But a partnership of 43 by
Christian Smith (39) and
Todd Henderson (17) steadied the ship before Matt Cot.

ied the ship before Matt Cot-terill's aggressive 36 helped

terill's aggressive 36 helped the visitors reach 159. Fleet returned (3-27), Twigger (3-18) and Dan Campbell (3-32). Cannock's early innings was a mirror of their neigh-bours' as accurate bowling from Henderson and Brendon Buchanan left them 17-3.

them 17-3.

However, Cannock failed to recover and only Will Fleet (23) reached double figures as five batsmen failed to score as they struggled against Guy Bulpitt (2-6), Andy Woodward (2-12) and Jonathan Jenkinson (3-9).

Cannock 135, Four Gaks Saints 119 Cannock won by 6 rus.

Cannock 135, Four Daks Saints
109. Cannock won by 26 runs
Cannock thirds continued
their unbeaten start to the
season with a 26-run victory
over Four Oaks Saints
putting them 11 points clear
at the top of the Staffs Clubs
Division Three table.
Cannock's innings began

Division Three table.
Cannock's innings began steadily but the regular fall of wickets kept the scoring in check. Despite useful contributions from Ian Slym (18), Tom Bull (20) and Ryan Peach (26) Cannock were poorly placed at 88-7 with Mohammed Tanveer returning 5-29. Ant Wood's unbeaten 30 took them to 135 and his devastating 8-27 set up the win.

Parker plays his part as keeper then striker

(Cannock won 4-3 on penalties)
KEEPER Paul Parker turned scorer to put Cannock through to finals weekend of the

England Hockey Mixed Trophy.

He saved two flicks in the penalty shoot-out against Horsham and then stepped up to net the winner. Cannock faced Horsham in the quarter-finals, the team they had beaten to win their second title two seasons ago.

They expected a hard game – and were not disappointed, going 1-0 down in six minutes.

Despite their strong start,

Horsham opted to pack their defence rather than go for the kill and allowed Cannock to play themselves in. Dave Harris struck Cann-

Dave Harris struck Cannock's equaliser in the 17th minute, causing Horsham to be a little more ambitious.

The visitors were rewarded when they took the lead six minutes before the break.

Touch

Chris Darnley found the back of the net just before half-time, but after the goal was awarded the trailing umpire decided to confer with another umpire and overturned the decision.

The second half began

The second half began well for Cannock as Lucy Spencer got the last attacking touch to level the scores. Horsham responded and

two good passing moves saw them score twice in three

them score twice in three minutes to take a 4-2 lead.
With plenty of time left and the visitors reverting to counter-attacks.
Cannock played some nice

Hockey

team hockey and, as a result of this pressure, they reduced the arrears when Stuart Gooderham scored from a penalty corner.

A second goal for Harris with 13 minutes to go levelled the score and set up a tense finale to full-time.

With neither team able to score, the game went into golden goal extra time.

Horsham had early pressure but squandered an early chance to win the tie.

When a second shot hit their own player in front of goal and a shot rebounded off the crossbar it began to look as though Lady Luck may be with Cannock.

With neither side able to score, it went to penalties.

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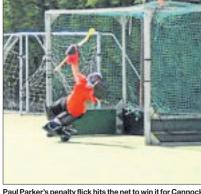
It was at this point that Parker came to the rescue. He saved Horsham's third He saved Horsnam's third and fourth flicks and after Cannock had missed one penalty it was up to the home side to score to win.

Parker removed his keeper's kit and stepped up to fire his stroke into the roof of the net and sent Cannock to the

net and sent Cannock to the finals weekend on June 8-9.



Stuart Gooderham brings Cannock back into it at 4-3



Paul Parker's penalty flick hits the net to win it for Cannock



The Cannock mixed team who will be off to the finals at Beeston



Lucy Spencer strikes to level the scores at 2-2

Rugeley back on track and claim win

Codsall 124, Rugeley 127-8. Rugeley won by two wickets RUGELEY bounced back for victory after two disappoint-

ring weeks.

They had lost cheaply to Walsall YPF and were then rained off the following

week.
But this win saw them

But this win saw them regain some momentum in Staffs Clubs Division One. Rugeley won the toss, bowled and were gratified when Codsall struggled to 30-7 in the teeth of impressive bowling from Matthew Jenkinson (4-22) and Sam Lefeaver (4-37), supported by outstanding fielding. But Codsall fought back when Lee Allen came to the crease and his impressive 70

crease and his impressive 70 not out took the home side to

124 and gave them a chance. Rugeley began well with openers Tom Dutton (21)

openers Tom Dutton (21) and Liam Brazier (28) setting a base on which to build. But Allen, mirroring his success with the balt, grabbed 5-35 with the balt to bring his side back into it. However, a quickfire 23 from Scott Gretton, supported by captain Stuart Talbot (20 not out) saw Rugeley take the points.

Junior boxers into ABA finals

WALSALL WOOD ABC boxers Joseph Stevenson and Daniel Breeze are through weekend's junior national finals in field Mansfield

Mansfield.
Stevenson stopped Beartown ABC's George Parrish in the third round at Great Barr while Breeze took a unanimous points victory over Cory Fenwick, of Horden ABC, County Durham.







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Captain plays part in a tight victory

Penn 168, Penkridge 170-7. Penkridge won by three wickets PENKRIDGE firsts return-

PENKRIDGE firsts returned to winning ways with a hard-fought victory over unbeaten Penn.

Penkridge opted to bowl in this Birmingham and District Division Three game and made early inroads with Mohammed Murad (4-14) causing all sorts of problems with his pace and late swing.

At 94-6, Penn were in trouble but their tail to reach 168 with Laeq Chishti chipping in with three wickets and skipper Paul Szewczyk holding four catches.

Penkridge lost a wicket in their first over, but Ronnie Hassan (36) and Alex Watson (33) rebuilt.

A flurry of wickets left them 139-7 but a central's

A flurry of wickets left them 139-7 but a captain's innings from Szewczyk (50 not out) and Kev Baker's unbeaten nine saw them

home.

Penkridge 208-9, Penn 210-6.

Penn won by four wickets

Penkridge seconds lost
their 100 per cent start to
the season.

After losing the toss, they were inserted in difficult conditions at home and were 53-4. Chad Clarke (51) and Ian Brown (78 not out) led the recovery and a hard hitting 37 from Jon Price led Penkridge to a respectable

Penkridge to a respectable 208-9.
Penn's opening pair made 82 to put them on the way with Roger Weston (2-51) and the unlucky Usman Khan (1-45) the pick of the bowlers

bowlers.

Highcroft & Great Barr 89,
Penkridge 92-2. Penkridge
won by eight wickets
The thirds steamrolled
their way to victory. KK
Sadiq's amazing spell of 5-7
off 12 overs set the tone and
he was well supported by the
other bowlers as Highcroft
were dismissed for just 89.
Penkridge knocked the

Penkridge knocked the runs off inside 16 overs for the loss of just two wickets with the classy Mo Shafiq unbeaten on 42.

unbeaten on 42.

Penkridge 189, Rugeley 116-9.

Draw

Penkridge fourths took
the majority of the spoils.

They were indebted to
skipper James Heaton (76)
and youngster Bradley
Morris (53) who hit his
prident belt control

Morris (53) who hit his maiden half-century for Penkridge as they were dis-missed for 189.

Rugeley never looked likely to win but clung on to a losing draw at 116-9. Rich Birch (2-31) and James Heaton (3-23) were the pick of the Penkridge bowlers.



Hednesford youngsters match the club's heroes

The Pittmen won promotion from the Evo-Stik Northern Premier by beating FC United of Manchester 2-1 in a dramatic play-off final. The victory puts Hednesford into the Conference North.

But their success was mirrored by that of Hednesford Town Under-13s who became the first Staffordshire team to lift the pres-tigious Midland Junior Premier League

Competing against sides from Coventry, Birmingham, Tamworth, Droitwich, Kid-derminster and Bristol, the Junior Pitmen

biting finish.

They actually edged the crown on goal difference after finishing third last year in their first MJPL campaign.

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The team also won the R&T Tours Great Yarmouth Challenge for a fourth consecutive year and were presented with their trophies by former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton.

The season of success is reflected by the fact that three of their players have signed contracts with professional clubs due to their development with Hednesford.

New players are required for next season; anyone interested in joining should call 07920 745686.

Big night for Pitmen







Ben Bailey collects three of his four player of the season awards from manager Rob Smith, left; from Scott Smith, right, and as the supporters' player of the season, centre



Clubman of the year Scott Smith, right, collects his award from Hednesford club secretary Terry McMahon

Ben Bailey strolled up to collect four player of the season awards at Hednesford's presen night as the Pitmen celebrated promotion.



Scott Smith presents Colin Woodward, left, with his fan of the year award at the Pitmen's presentation night



Elliott Durrell, right, travel club player of the year, receives his award from Phil Raybould at the ceremony

Lichfield win cup in battle with Tamworth

LICHFIELD ended their rugby union season on a high, beating Tamworth in the Staffordshire Cup at Walsall. It was a scrappy affair, and although on paper Lichfield looked favourites, solid play from Tamworth made it a tough game.

Tamworth landed a penalty with Lichfield struggling to string phases together. But a length of the field break saw play move into the Tamworth 22 metre area and from the resulting line-out, a well-worked serpiece move saw Luke Massey score unopposed and

piece move saw Luke Massey score unopposed and convert for 7-3.

Ten minutes later a scrappy ball was shipped wide for Greg Massey to scythe through the defense and score. Luke Massey converted for a 14-3 lead.

Tamworth hit back, hardrunning forwards offloading and gaining ground to bring and gaining ground to bring them two penalties and cut the gap to five points.

A yellow card for a Tamworth lock was followed by a try in the corner for Brad Rowlands to stretch the gap

Rowlands to stretch the gap

to 10 before the interval.

Lichfield pulled away in the second half, Ollie Winter the second half, Ollie Winter wriggling over the line and Greg Massey converting. Josh Massey then raced 40 metres to score in the corner to make it 31-9. Tamworth had the final say, when a rolling maul brought a penalty try. But the silverware belonged to Lichfield.

Six-a-siders up for title

TEAMS from Cannock and Burntwood have signed up for a major six-a-side football tournament.

ball tournament.
They will take part in the Freebets.co.uk championships at Moor Lane Pavilion, Birmingham.
More than 250 teams are expected to descend on the arena, in the shadow of Aston Villa's Villa Park Stadium, on June 8 to see who is crowned as the best six-aside football team in the UK and calim the £5,000 trophy. and calim the £5,000 trophy

Organisers United King om Minifootball Associa

dom Minifootball Associa-tion claim to be the biggest single one-day six-a-side football tournament any-where in the world this year. Head organiser Alex Young said: "Everything is geared up. It is going to be a fabulous day and marvelous to see the skills on show."







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Busy Tai not fazed by Grand Prix win

WOLVES speedway star Tai Woffinden has won his first Grand Prix – and can't wait for the next round at Cardiff. Woffinden secured the first win of his career in the Czech Republic event to cap an amazing week, which also saw him crowned British champion for the first time. He left Prague on Saturday for the long drive to Poland for a league fixture on Sunday where he dropped just two points and inspired Wroclaw to a surprise win at Leszno. He said: "I didn't get to sleep until 3am Sunday and then all my focus was on my Polish League fixture. I wanted to ensure I did my job for the team.

"All I remember is the emotion I felt on the podium when the national anthem

when the national anthem was played, that's when I started to realise what I'd achieved but there is still a

started to realise what I'd achieved but there is still a long way to go.
"It's been an amazing week and of course I couldn't have wished for it to have gone any better but we're still only four rounds into the 12."
Woffinden will ride for Wolves in their Bank Holiday Monday clash with Birmingham at Monmore before setting off on his cycle ride for Cancer Research UK the next day. He leaves Monmore at 9am for the journey to Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.
The Fogo British FIM Speedway Grand Prix is at the Millennium Stadium on Saturday, June 1, at 5pm.

Bowlers in £650 final

MORE howlers have worked

MORE bowlers have worked their way through to the final of the Jenningsbet Frank Turner Memorial Over-60s bowls competition.

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Second round: Brown 16 Lee 21.

Clarke 21 Turner 11, Amison 21 Owen 1.

Third round: Lee 21 Clarke 15, Amison 21 Bardsley 17.



The England class of '66 are back together once more

World Cup heroes reunited

BACK together again...the Boys of '66 were reunited in Staffordshire when the toast was: "World Cup winners!" More than half of the nation's most celebrated team converged on Brocton Hall, near Cannock Chase, as the focal point of their annual golf get-together. Stafford-based Ron Flowers organised the reunion at his home club and welcomed Gordon Banks, Nobby Stiles, Roger Hunt, the Charlton brothers and hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst.

Also present were squad members

Also present were squad members George Eastham, Jimmy Armfield,

Peter Bonetti, Ian Callaghan and Norman Hunter.

"We take it in turns to host the day and to organise a nice weekend in a hotel for us all and our wives," said Wolves legend Flowers, who won 49 England caps without playing in the 1966 tournament.

"We've done this for a few years now

and been to various parts of the country to meet up. "It's lovely to see each other for a couple of days and to chat over what

happened all those years ago," he added.

added.

Flowers went close to playing in the Hurst-inspired 4-2 final win over West Germany. Jack Charlton was taken ill the night before the game and the Wolves ace was set to take his place, only for Alf Ramsey to heave a sigh of relief when his regular No.5 recovered.

Flowers wan the 2009 staging of the

Flowers won the 2009 staging of the event at Formby.

Back row: Ron Flowers, Nobby Stiles, Norman Hunter and Jack Charlton, Middle: Sir Geoff Hurst, George Eastham, Gordon Banks, Front: Sir Roset, Roger Hunt, lan Callaghan, Peter Bonetti and Jimmy Amfield at Brocton Hall.

Bailey is a four-time winner at prize night

BEN BAILEY was the big winner at Hednesford Town's end of season award evening. Players, supporters and staff packed into the Chase Suite to celebrate an historic season for The Pitmen first team and youth team. It was standing room only as the centre-half, a Hednes-ford youth team product.

as the centre-nail, a heunes-ford youth team product, picked up no fewer than four player of the season awards as decided by supporters, supporters association,

as decided by supporters, supporters association, players and manager.
Top scorer Elliott Durrell received the travel club player of the season award.
Supporters association joint-chairman Scott Smith hosted the evening alongside club secretary Terry McMahon.

Clubman
And it was Smith who was

Clubman
And it was Smith who was named clubman of the year for his tireless work.
McMahon said: "Without Scott Smith, this club simply would not function in the way it does at the moment.
"He is a tireless supporter of the club from running of

of the club, from running our Twitter and Facebook feed to organising working parties of supporters when there was two feet of snow on the pitch.

on the pitch.

"His importance to Hednesford should not be understated."

Those present at the night voted for goal of the season from a shortlist of 10, thanks to club cameraman Jon Hawkins.

Michael Lennon's screamer against Buston in

Michael Lennon's screamer against Buxton in March was declared the winner while Colin Woodward, another sterling volunteer, received the supporters association fan of the year trophy.

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ITTLETON WIN NAL THRILL

Brereton Social Lion 3 Littleton 3 (aet, full-time score 3-3, Littleton won on penalties) LITTLETON made history as they became the first club from outside the Premier League to win the Cannock Chase Cup.

The six-goal thriller went to a penalty shoot-out and was a fitting way to bring the season to a close.

a fitting way to bring the season to a close.

Sixteen-year-old Littleton goalkeeper Brad Ullah proved the hero with three saves from the spot to leave skipper Luke Andrews to net the winner in sudden death.

The match at Great Wyrley FC brought the curtain down on Cannock Chase League's 11 finals, urites Tim Elsmore.

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Brereton Social Lion FC and newly-crowned Division One champions Littleton FC to contest the spoils. In front of a bumper crowd of 270, it was Little-ton who made a flying start with three first-half goals.

Celebrations

Matty Dickens netted after four minutes, top scorer Matty Allport bagged his 28th of the season and Richard Tapper scored to spark celebrations for the first division side.

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The introduction of Gary Dunn for Brereton changed the game in the second half.

On the hour, Brereton scored what seemed to be a consolation goal through Alex Houston. But that was followed by a penalty tucked away by Sam Colishaw to make it 3-2 and game on with nine minutes to go.

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The board went up indicating there would be five minutes of added time and, with just 30 seconds left, Brereton levelled.

A temporary pitch invasion by the jubilant Lion supporters followed.

Extra-time flew by with the best chance falling to Dunn who was denied by a superb save by Ullah. It was all down to penalties but there were no nerves from Ullah, whose three saves paved the way for Andrews to notch the winner.

Now it was time for Little-ton's fans to invade the pitch

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ton's fams to invade the pitch celebrate becoming the first team from outside the Premier to win the competition, now in its 16th year.
Victory also marked a treble for Littleton, who added the League Cup to the championship and Cannock Chase Cup. For Social Lion, it was a third defeat to put alongside the final losses of 2000 and 2004, particularly heart-breaking after the comeback. comeback.

At the presentation, Phil Dunning of Aero Five-Star Taxis, presented the man of the match award to Littleton's Callum Smallman and the medals to the officials.

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Cannock & Rugeley
Chronicle editor Mark Shipp
presented Brereton Social
Lion with their runners-up
medals, leaving league
chairman Jim Houston to
hand over The Cannock
Chase Cup to jubilant Luke
Andrews and Matty Allport.



Cup of joy - Littleton are the first non-Premier side to lift the Cannock Chase Cup after beating Brereton Social Lion

Boxer Gethin goes Kung Fu fighting

WALSALL'S Martin Gethin has enlisted the help of a Kung Fu expert to help chop through Ammeth Diaz when the pair clash in a final eliminator for the BF world title, writes Craig Birch.

Gethin sought the advice of strength and conditioning guru, Nico Kolokythas, and has been working with him every during his training camp. To can he British lightweight champion hopes it will help him master the Pana-

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